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This study documents the historical and cultural processes that have led to the transformation of peasant lifeways in the highlands of the Cordillera Central mountain range in the Dominican Republic. The traditional peasant survival strategies of the region required free access to natural resources and significant autonomy from the state. These two elements provided the foundation for a state that rightly has been nostalgically remembered as a peasant golden age.

The multiple forms of state intervention that were initiated during the dictatorship of Rafael Leónidas Trujillo, including the passage of forestry laws and the formation of protected areas, signaled the end of the golden age. In the years after Trujillo, conservation policies evolved in conjunction with central state development strategies that responded to the interests of international and urban power holders. Along with other forms of state intervention, conservation laws changed the rules governing access to and use of resources, systematically alienated peasants from the factors of production and transferred control over forest resources to powerful institutions.

This study rejects Marxist assumptions regarding the inevitability of the proletarianization of the peasantry and builds instead on the notion that human subsistence strategies and social structural configurations are responsive and adaptive

Present structures have emerged and remained in line with state provision. But in the absence of a breakdown of the data, statistical and ethnographic evidence suggests that the remaining presence in the Castilians are the final remnants of a dying education. The traditional institutions around which peasant life in the past was organized have either disappeared or been transformed.

The population of the narrow Castilians is declining. People are rapidly abandoning the area. Parents—uneducated themselves—make special efforts to provide their children with a formal education, something that facilitates survival in other areas, signaling an effective end to any separation for the intergenerational transmission of their own rural lifestyle. Changes in dependency on household production, which provided a shield in the demand for male versus female labor, have given way to seasonal patterns of migration characterized by a significantly masculinized season of harvest.

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

Summary of Argument

This dissertation explores the expansion of State control in the Dominican Republic and its impact on farming strategies and rural life in remote highland areas of the Cordillera Central. In the context of weak State control that characterized the late-19th century Dominican Republic, rural life throughout the country took on distinct economic and structural characteristics. In contrast to the vast latifundio (estate) ranching of the colonial era, life in the rural Dominican Republic became focused on small-scale household production. Besides agriculture and the grazing of livestock were the dominant sources of production. The dominant structural aspect of life was that labor was organized around the nuclear family. Capital was relatively unimportant and land was abundant. At the community level, life was characterized by regularization, minor household cooperation in the form of work parties and the linking of families through intermarriage. People were inclined to farm for consumption rather than for markets. The greatest economic people made were on their own families.

In highland areas of the Dominican Republic those patterns began to give way in the late 1930s to a emergence of large scale production organized around capital intensive corporate entities that produced for the world market. A new wave of sugar plantations backed by expanding State control transformed the many of the formerly independent household producers of the east into a rural proletariat. In other areas of the

country, had begun to be concentrated in large firms for the production of coffee, maize, tobacco and livestock.¹ In the remote highlands of the Cordillera, however, traditional agriculture and the grazing of livestock continued to be the dominant means of subsistence and production and the organisation of labour continued to revolve around the household. Indeed, many lowland campesinos (peasant people) fled into the highlands to escape the encroaching State. But in the 1940s and 1950s this began to change. Highland farmers began to feel the full brunt of State control. State authorities levied taxes, they forced campesinos to work on labor gangs, and they created police and military outposts. They also created new rules regarding land issues, including what had access to land and the taxes to which it would be put.

Many of the new State policies in the Cordillera were directed in the interests of conservation. But policies that were supposedly meant to preserve land, flora and fauna often became, in practice, mechanisms for transferring control over natural resources from itinerant and politically powerless itinerant peasantry to powerful urban stakeholders—landowner companies, military officials, industrialists, big farmers and NGOs. Conservation was also used as a justification for breaking up communal lands, for the forced settlement of peasants on marginal lands, and for dismantling the traditional livestock peasant economy. The real-life consequences of the policies designed and launched under the banner of private conservation amounted to death knell for traditional lifeways of the mountain people.

Some campesinos of the Cordillera have continued to struggle to maintain a livelihood based on traditional economic strategies. Some have openly protested State policies, and many have made it a common practice to shun and resist State authorities. But, in general, the campesinos of the Cordillera have been marginalised. Traditional Cordillera

religiosity and social structures can be best described as a dying way of life. The consequence has been massive emigration from the Cordillera into the cities or overseas. This emigration has been characterized by a demographically skewed male, one that has had a radical impact on the people who still live in the Cordillera, the disproportionate loss of girls and women, something that has had independent and far-reaching social consequences.

Theoretical Considerations

Marxist theories have focused on the instability of the proletarianization of the Dominican peasantry (Barr and Bessie 1967, del Rosado et al. 1996, Duany 1992, Lucero 1985, San Miguel 1999). The analysis provided here rejects the assumption of teleological and health-minded theories that human subsistence strategies and social-structural configurations are response and adaptive. On the level of household and community my approach shares with the Cultural Marxist research strategy the heuristic premise that 1) the primary sources of variation should be sought in infrastructural factors, 2) structural conditions are adapted to or constituted by infrastructural basis of life, and 3) the ideological aspects of life are ultimately adapted to or constituted by structural conditions (Barr's 1979).

The Cultural Marxist research strategy, with its assumption of infrastructural determinants, is here fortified by a political economic perspective. Besides to Cultural Marxism, the political economy approach emphasizes the need for history to understand the ways that particular societies have adapted in response to changes in material conditions—such as technological developments, alterations in the availability of resources, and demographic increases or declines. But the political economy approach calls greater attention to links with the world economy and the notion that individuals are

continually being shaped through interactions with "wider economic relations and fields of power that affect daily and local interactions" (Roseberry 1989:113). Furthermore, whereas Cultural Materialism tends to view the emergence of the State as the effect of interacting technological and demographic forces of the past, a political economy perspective views the State as an active causal force in its own right, a view emphasized in this thesis. The political economy perspective also emphasizes relations of production and exchange that engage no communities from outside, such as the underwriting of particular export commodities – as in the case of sugar (Mintz 1945) and coffee (Roseberry 1980) – or other kinds of interventions that link the local with the broader world, such as forest policies (Fisher 1982).

Roseberry's (1980) recent work on peasant reformulates in post-modernist and Marxist terminology the same core insight that has dominated anthropological studies of peasants from the outset: any analysis of peasants has to situate them in broader systemic structures. Guided in particular by the political economic approach, my study attempts to provide an understanding of social change in the hinterlands of the Dominican Republic by examining the changing relationship between rural small producers, the Dominican State, and the influence of foreign markets, most notably the United States. A significant portion of the work is dedicated to providing an historical understanding of the relationship between the evolution of the Dominican State and national economy and the changing adaptive patterns of peasants living in the Cordillera. The boundaries of the study are extended beyond the local and regional levels to national and international levels with a look at the historical emergence of ecotourism conservation initiatives. Decisions made at higher levels regarding the conservation targets and the methods of enforcement of conservation laws are continually bound up with broader trends in State

formations, changes in the market, and with the personal-economic experiences of political leaders and powerful financial entities. These forces constitute a shifting framework that, along with local ecological conditions, limit the range of adaptive options for individuals at the local level, thus determining the social, economic and ecological impact of conservation initiatives.

The three major analytical themes of the study are: 1) peasant formation, 2) state control, and 3) conservation. The theoretical discussion of these themes as they are used in this study are discussed in the sections that follow.

Peasant Formation and State Control

Discourse of the peasant concept

The anthropological concept of peasant was formulated to describe people who do not fit within the classic subsistence-political organizational scheme of 'hunter-gather to subsistence' and 'feudal to state'.¹ Peasants are rural small producers who exist within an *enclave-enclave* state and a relationship to urban areas, yet they display characteristics that are both "peasant" and "modern" (Wolf 1980[1953]). But the concept has been problematic and "often obscures more than it illuminates" (Eliot 1995:40). The term peasant has been applied broadly to groups located in marginal regions throughout the globe, implying that there is a peasantry that exists as "a simple, undifferentiated, and unitary group" (Barrow 1989:122).² The use of the word peasant as a general and uncritical label implies that there is a simple commonality between groups that are culturally different in terms of their historical origins, adaptive strategies and relationships to the external world (e.g., indigenous communities in Latin America, medieval feudal lords, Romanians, and European villagers). It also makes differences not only among different rural populations but also within them.

So what is a peasant? If the response depends on the scholarly literature then it is a nebulous-scatchall term that straggle from one researcher to the next. There is a general failure to agree on even the most basic defining elements. Peasant has been variously and defined by or as a form of household-organization (Chayanov 1965), a mode of production (de Janvay 1980: 164-7), a system of agricultural production (de Kossodo et al. 1990), a relation or territory class (de Janvay 1981), and a type of ideology or worldview (Dunar 1983, Vargas 1982). Depending on the conceptual frameworks being used, different rural peoples may or may not qualify as peasants. Furthermore, among anthropologists there is not even agreement that a peasant must be a cultivator of the land. Wolf (2001 [1955] 1987) noted that as the 1950s Raymond Firth excluded fishermen and rural craftsmen within the definition of peasant. More recently, Frank Corson defined peasants as anyone who was related or lived in proximity to people who produce their own food and in adhering to this definition he defined a peasant as a sub-type of "The peasant".

The peasants: People who have some ability to produce their own food, or have a close kinship connection to people who have some ability to produce their own food, or operate as a local economy with people who have some ability to produce their own food. This category includes various loosely defined subtypes: peasant producers (people who currently produce a substantial part of their own food); petty-commodity producers (people who currently produce things for sale or barter by trading in local markets...) and non-proletarian (people who currently work for wages but who also depend on food production or petty commodity production by themselves or their kinship for survival) (1989: 445).

In summary, the concept of peasant or peasantry is a problematic reflection that calls into question its utility. Aggravating the situation is the fact that here peasant is also a colloquialism suggestive of economic poverty and general backwardness.⁵

On the other hand, the debate over the definition and nature of the peasantry has been useful in that it has forced anthropologists to examine the evolution and

differences between rural peoples. The questions and conceptualizations that have arisen as a result of these comparative efforts draw attention to the historical origins and adaptive processes of rural peoples within systems of ecological constraints and changing structural relationships to broader society.¹⁴ Furthermore, attempts to understand the origins of so-called peasant adaptations have provided a basis for understanding "the problems of social and economic transitions in agrarian societies" (Gould 1995: 40) and shed significant light on differing patterns of rural development over time.¹⁵ However, to avoid using the term peasant indiscriminately it is important to define the criteria that will be used in this study.

Defining characteristics of Caribbean peasants and peasantry

The distinctive characteristics that have been used to define Caribbean peasants and that will be followed in this dissertation include both economic and politico-structural features. A conceptual distinction must also be made between peasant and a peasantry, as discussed below.¹⁶

In the economic sense, the term peasant refers to people who largely depend on the household mode of production and who have certain limited relationships to the world market. Caribbean peasants are subsistence-oriented in the sense that they produce survival strategies that allow the household to maintain a degree of household autonomy from the state and the market (i.e., are based on a household mode or Domestic Mode of Production). These survival strategies almost invariably include crop and livestock raising but also often include petty commodity production, fishing, and hunting.

Nevertheless, Caribbean peasants are not subsistence producers unattached to national economies but have always been, in one degree or another, involved in regional

cash-based market systems as well as the world market. Regional markets are dominated by trade in local/household products such as garden produce, livestock, crafts, foreign natural flora, fishing, and licensed forest and wildlife products. They are also linked in varying degrees to the world economy through the production of one or several export products—such as coffee, tobacco, rubber beans, maize, rice, or human labor—not through the consumption of specific imports such as dried fish (particularly salt and burning), medicines, tools, hardware for huts, textiles, machines, rice, beans, and flour.

Consequently, Caribbean peasant¹ production strategies provide considerable economic flexibility. Unlike monocropping, *finca* or *hacienda* in modern industrial and service-oriented economies, peasant households have a foot firmly planted in multiple economies, specifically the household economy, the regional marketing and services specialization economy, and the world economy. The dependence on any one of these economies varies over time among any particular peasant or peasant household. Thus, the most important defining characteristic of Caribbean peasants is that they are not dedicated either one type of production/business or market, but rather a little bit of everything. They vary their dependence on any particular subsistence or money-earning activity in accordance with the opportunities available. But, very importantly, they never commit completely to any particular strategy and in all circumstances maintain a household production unit capable of sustaining itself and even allowing its members to withdraw completely from outside economic life when of need.

A peasantry should be distinguished conceptually from the peasants and peasant households that comprise it. While theoretically a lone peasant household could exist, it could not by itself be considered a peasantry. A peasantry is made up of multiple peasant households and embodies not only an economic trait but also a political one.

Essentially, the most important defining characteristics of a peasantry include the following: a peasantry is composed of individuals who are members of households that control the means of production required to produce at least some of their means of subsistence; these individuals and households are linked in their productive activities through indigenous marketing systems, and they are all linked to the broader world economy through the purchase of essential goods as well as through the production of export-oriented crops.

Conceptually, a focus on the peasantry or peasantry highlights political-economic structural relations. Peasants may differ with regard to the structure of regional economic systems and their structural incorporation into world economy. Furthermore, the concept of peasantry emphasizes political structural relations to a state or states. The formation of Caribbean peasants historically has occurred within a context of weak state control and has also been characterized by the relative absence of its own formalized political hierarchies. While there is no reasonable particular tribal peoples in Africa or South America cannot also be categorized as peasants, Caribbean peasants are different from native groups that have become peasants. Caribbean peasants have been referred to as "translocated" due to the fact that they or their ancestors came or were brought to the Caribbean region as something other than peasants (Miles 1982/1984:132).⁷ They originated as slaves or indentured servants imported to work on plantations. They subsequently escaped, moved away from, or experienced a collapsing around them of the plantation-economic milieu that placed them under political control. They formed productively autonomous household units, as defined above, and by virtue of commercial interaction with one another, peasants emerged with their distinctive

regional marketing systems and a relative absence, at the community level, of centralized political control.⁴

The Emergence of the Dominican Peasantry

The process of formation of the peasantry in Spanish Santo Domingo displays significant differences from that of the British and French Caribbean, where peasants emerged in association with plantation economies. In colonial Santo Domingo the sugar plantation declined during the 16th and it was not until the last quarter of the 17th century, well after slavery had been abolished, that sugar again became important.⁵ Furthermore, the colonial settler economy that dominated during the 17th and 18th centuries was not labor intensive, meaning that slave labor was of marginal importance. Spanish Santo Domingo was also only lightly populated, containing vast areas of open and uncultivated lands where individuals could freely settle. But despite these differences, peasant formation in Santo Domingo occurred in the context of the weakening or absence of the State and often resulted in autonomy by former slaves or workers of autonomy from State control and coercion, just as it did in islands dominated by a fully developed plantation economy.

Chomley (1982) described the existence of an "archaic peasantry" in Santo Domingo as early as the 17th century constituted by emancipated and *conchudo* descendants of slaves who became established in remote regions of the country and maintained only limited interaction with local markets. During the same period, as the British Colon region, substantial farmers catering largely of Cuban Spaniards and migrants from the Canary Islands began an accumulation tobacco "in the shadow of" and largely in opposition to Spanish mercantile control (Rueda 1995: 3; Chomley 1982).

However, it was not until the turn of the 19th century that the number of independent peasant households rapidly expanded. Violent upheavals associated with the Haitian revolution (1791-1811) also led to a breakdown of the Spanish colonial government and disintegration of the livestock economy. Slaves and workers previously tied to the Indian (and/or mestizo)-adapted household-based farming strategies that emphasized subsistence production (Maya Poma 1994). In the second half of the 18th century peasants further expanded into remote and marginal areas, such as the Cuchifloras Canted. These groups consisted largely of individuals who sought to escape the violence and political chaos brought about by the ongoing Indian Wars, the War of Restoration (1821-1841) and violence between regional conflicts (Antonio 1968; Maya Poma 1994). In the late 18th and early 20th centuries, with the expansion of intensive corporate agricultural farms in the lowlands, farmers again moved into marginal, mountainous areas in search of lands outside the control of the State (Antonio 1968; Murray 1993).

State efforts to "reconfigure" the Dominican peasantry

Pedro San Miguel (1999) points out that peasant studies in the Caribbean have tended to emphasize peasant resistance but have paid much less attention to the ways that the state eventually began to dominate, subvert or transform the peasant sectors, a process that is one of the primary concerns of this dissertation. This study begins with the growth of the independent Dominican State, which had remained weak through the first decade of the 20th century but became reinforced and dramatically strengthened during the U.S. occupation from 1916-1924. It examines the various forms through which the Dominican State intervened in the Cuchifloras Canted, transforming, and ultimately the region. State control over the peasantry involved redefining resources and reestablishing existing household subsistence strategies, the very activities that provided

the basis for peasant economic and political autonomy. State-regulation and taxation deliberately captured and excluded peasant agricultural production by forcing the peasants to produce export crops and making it increasingly difficult for them to adapt by growing more marginal crops or withdrawing into the household economy.

As the Dominican economy subsequently shifted from an emphasis on the production of export crops such as sugar, coffee and molasses and toward an industrial and service economy, the peasants became increasingly viewed as an impediment to national development (Jirón, 1993; Massé, 1974: 46-7; San-Miguel 1999a). Rural development, according to the state model, required the modernization of agriculture and the transformation of traditional peasant practices and the peasant economy (de Rouvro et al., 1994). As it does in the Dominican, conservative-oriented policies and activities and push formation were key mechanisms used by the state to achieve these ends.

Conservation and State Intervention

The moral and political implications of conservation

My study examines the impact of conservation as a form of state intervention in the lives of peasants. The purpose of doing this is not to report the need for environmental conservation in the Cordillera. Regardless of the reasons for which they were started and, notwithstanding initiatives of the Dominican state have ultimately been successful in slowing and in many instances reversing the rate of ecological deterioration that was occurring in the Cordillera highlands. This is, by any measure, of critical importance. As the key watershed for the country's major water systems—including the Yaque del Norte and Yaque del Sur, Rio Yoru, Mero, Las Cuevas, Grande, Tinto, Elcano, and the Ozma—the Cordillera provides fresh water for the approximately 2.2 million inhabitants of its capital city, Santo Domingo, and for the inhabitants of other

low lying areas in the Republic. The water generated in the region is also critical for the maintenance of livestock irrigation systems and for hydroelectricity dams.

But there are relatively few studies that narrow down an examination of the policies of the State, the processes of conservation, and the disruptive social consequences that often result. The purpose of critically analysing what has been the economic consequences of the Dominican priority is to shed light on the often overlooked dimension of conservation, including the fact that conservationist proposals often portend profound social change (Jacoby 2001: 5).

The environmental conservation movement generally represents itself with images of verdant nature and remote wildlife, images that appeal strongly to the romantic notions, longings, and fantasies of urbanites who feel estranged from 'nature'. The movement also works a persistent discourse that is at once scientific and abstract and based on authority or scientific knowledge and racial segregation. At the same time, as Colclough (1996) notes, conservationists often prove reluctant to admit the profound political and social implications of their recommendations.

The message is that either conservation proposals are also political proposals or that they either explicitly or implicitly involve deciding who should control natural resources and how those resources should be managed (Jacoby 2001, McCarthy 2001, Newman 2000, Pryor 1992, Sander 2001). Conservation discourse reflects "the distribution of power within human society – the ability of some groups of humans to influence certain environmental practices and to constrain others" (Jacoby 2000: iv). There are consequences and, all too frequently, victims of conservation-oriented initiatives (Keller and Tuck 1998, Spence 1999). Creating parks, protecting species, passing laws that restrict access to water or other natural resources often has profound implications for

people and subjects. Displacements, impoverishment, displacement, destruction, and starvation have been among the consequences of conservation decisions. Arguing that both this is an extremely important need only recall the disease and starvation amongst the It as a result of the formation of Kapiro National Park in Uganda as documented by Colin Turnbull (1973), the removal of 30 villages in Serengeti park in Africa by game rangers in 1956 (Newman 2004), the burning of villages and slaughter of Masak Indians by the U.S. Army in Yosemite National Park in the 1880s (Keller and Blank 1988), and the displacement of Kung San from the Kalahari Gensetok National Park in South Africa (Kadi 2000).

Proposals for conservation are the outgrowth of broader political, economic and ideological issues that operate within a given historical context. A significant body of literature has emerged, for example, that focuses on the implications for environmental management of the changing meaning of concepts that serve as the ideological foundation for conservation—concepts such as “nature” and “wilderness” (Cronon 1991, Harman 1992, Sprunt 1999). Other studies have shown that an understanding of political and economic motivations of state governments provides a fuller understanding of the nature of conservation proposals. For example, research work on conflicts between rural people and the State in the early years of the American-conservation movement, Karl Jacoby states:

We can also reach a fuller understanding of the encounter between rural folk and American conservation by situating the history of conservation within its larger context. Involving as it does factors such as the role of the State, the development of natural sciences, and conflict with Indian peoples. (2004: 4)

Similar to what Jacoby (2007) shows for the Adirondacks, Yellowstone and the Grand

Canyon in the United States, my dissertation sheds light on the ways that conservationists

created policies in the Cordillera Central have evolved in response to changing national level political and economic developments. The evolution of conservation in the Cordillera sheds light on the mechanisms the Dominican State has used to assert control over the rural population and the implications that the evolution of national development strategies have had on the lives of peasants in the Cordillera Central.

State control, conservation and peasant resistance

Cordillera peasant economic strategies represent a kind of broad resistance to dominant economic and political forces. Recently, scholars have also paid increasing attention to smaller-scale acts of protest, resistance and their ideological underpinnings (Dixon, 1983). Scholars have used the idea of small-scale everyday forms of resistance to examine class-based workforces among the state, power holders, and peasants regarding nature and the natural environment of their estates. For example, Rabbin (1998) showed how efforts by the French Forest Administration to impose its views regarding the proper use of the forest through implementation of the 1823 Revised Forest Code led to peasant revolt that became manifest through violence and various symbolic expressions. Guba (1990) discussed the emergence of the Chipko movement amidst conflicting workforces regarding rights to forest use. Polina (1992) described conflicting moral economies between farmers and peasants and the emergence of a peasant "culture of resistance" through which they could maintain a degree of control over forests and lands. Jacoby (2004) discussed acts such as poaching, timber theft and squatting as local manifestations of the clash between the local "moral ecology" of rural farmers and the elite conservation discourse that emerged in the late 19th century United States.

My study has been influenced by these works in that it examines concrete forms of state domination and peasant resistance. I show that campesinos in the Cordillera have

and have positive observers of their lives but have struggled in unemployment and state State control and/or take advantage of periods of weak State control. Ideological conflicts between the state and the companies are embedded within these activities. Ideological differences between the State and companies emerge at various points within the work, in the words of the companies themselves.

Research Objectives and Methods

Research Objectives

The original objective of my research was to obtain an understanding of the ways park formation impacted companies communities of the Corridors Control by the State. This was divided into three components: 1) obtaining a general understanding of the characteristics of the populations living around the parks, 2) understanding changes in the local economy and social structure that resulted from park formation, and 3) understanding park and people relationships including displacement in the parks for local companies and the degree of local participation or resistance to park construction.

The dissertation also addresses broader issues. It was clear upon arriving in the parks areas that the majority of facilities are being abandoned. Empty houses and neglected facilities are common. Locals are quick to explain that people are leaving for the city or abroad, that farming is no longer profitable. They refer to themselves as the *reclusos* class: the middlemen who have been able to endure and persist in the mountains in the face of ecological and economic stress. Much of this stress originated outside of the facilities and includes low prices for their products, expensive forestry and park policies, lack of access to credit, inaccessible educational facilities, lack of jobs, and the presence of low wage Haitian migrant workers.

Fieldwork and Participatory Observation

Conclusions and insights are based on 30 months of immersion research in the surroundings of Armando Bermúdez and Juan B. Pérez Bassat National Parks. This period included two phases of concentrated research lasting a total of approximately 14 months. The first phase took place from early May 1998 to early June 1999 and involved extended residence in two hamlets (three months in Los Pozos and two months in Las Pajas) as well as shorter stays lasting approximately two weeks in various other hamlets along the western boundaries of two parks.¹⁰ The second phase of research occurred at two months of follow-up visits to Los Pozos and Las Pajas in the summer of 2001. During this period I was also able to make rapid follow-up visits to other previously visited hamlets and gather data to further substantiate my hypotheses regarding the causes of skewed sex ratios in the region.¹¹

Interviewing

Extensive informal and semi-structured household and key informant interviews were conducted with migrant workers, local small farmers (men and women), heads of households, local leaders (men and women), community development workers, migrant leaders, government workers and officials, extension workers, NGO representatives, Catholic priests, scholars and conservationists. Ninety-five longer key informant interviews were taped, transcribed and subsequently coded for analysis.

Baseline surveys

Baseline surveys had the primary objective of building a general demographic profile of the people and hamlets surrounding the national parks (Table 1-1). Two baseline surveys were carried out, one of households surrounding Juan B. Pérez Bassat National Park in the Fall of 1998 and the other of Bermúdez National Park households in

the Spring of 1999. The Buenos Aires Survey included the application of a questionnaire to 286 households in eight locations surrounding the park, using a census strategy. The Barcelona General Survey included the application of surveys to 342 randomly selected households in eight locations bordering the park.¹² Dominicans, recruited in the field, participated both in the testing phase of the questionnaires as well as in the application of the surveys.

Table 1.1. Types of data gathered in baseline surveys

Demographic characteristics	Household economy	Opinions
Age, sex, marital status, level of education, age of first marriage, number of marriages, for head of household and all individuals residing in the household.	Primary occupation of household head and all individuals residing in household	Personal ambitions for future Activities for children
Relationship of each member to household head.	Primary sources of income for the household	Knowledge of presence of park
Place of birth for head of household and parents of head of household	Amount of land possessed by household head and status of land tenure	Opinions regarding park.
Number of children of head of household and spouse	Number of gardens/farms plots	
Age that women had first child	Primary source of agricultural labor	
	Source of agricultural credit	
	Type of wage labor	
Sex, age, educational level, employment, place of residence, age of migration, and type of occupation sent back for all children of married pair living outside of the household	Number and type of crops possessed by household	

Opinion surveys

The goal of the opinion surveys was to obtain representative profiles of adult attitudes and opinions regarding issues relevant to the current study. Each informant was administered a list of questions complemented by a short semi-structured interview. Interviews were taped, transcribed and coded. Questions involved parents' preferences for children based on sex; parents' opinions for their children's literacy; opinions on migration of children; opinions on literacy levels; opinion on parents; opinion on education current or past life was better; opinions on literature. The survey was applied to select the household head or spouse as a random sample of 40 households, 20 in Los Peñas and 20 in Los Papas (10 males and 10 females). Other research methods and smaller surveys were carried out to gather data on areas of particular interest. These included a fertility survey in Los Peñas and Los Papas, household composition surveys, and a technology survey. Historical land use mapping and geological resource-use mapping was also used both with individual key informants as well as in a focus group format to generate discussion surrounding past and present agrarian practices.¹²

Organization of Dissertation

The rest of this text presents as follows. Chapter 2 and 3 provide the background that serve as the foundation for the writing of the rest of the dissertation. In chapter 2, a general overview of the research area is provided, including the geography of the Cordillera, the parks, and of the region and current general characteristics of the populations living in the borders in the study regions. Chapter 3 provides a detailed description of past life in the Cordillera, reconstructed through oral histories provided by elderly key informants throughout the northern Cordillera. It is the historical and local economic practices of the past life that were progressively altered by state intervention.

Chapters 4 through 9 provide the historical context for understanding both the theme of State intervention into the Cordillera. The chapters document the emergence of conservation-oriented policies and ideologies as an outgrowth of changing political-economic strategies at the state level. Chapters 4 through 6 describe the evolution of State intervention in the Cordillera during the Trujillo era. During this period, forestry laws were passed at the same time as hunter kills are associated into the region and the systematic exploitation of the mountain forests of the Cordillera began. During the Trujillo period park formation became a factor in the region, and chapter 6 discusses the emergence of a conservation ideology that justified considering peasant activities as well as seeking control of mountain resources from the peasantry.

Chapters 7 through 10 focus on developments after the assassination of Trujillo in 1961. In chapter 7, State intervention and conservation policies in the post-Trujillo period are shown to resemble a coup-like attack mounted against the peasants of the Cordillera highlands. Chapter 8 shows how the strict new Forestry and protected area policies that emerged in the post-Trujillo period were an outgrowth of the broader political and economic strategies of the period and amounted to a direct assault on peasant lifeways and living standards. Conservation policies were not applied equally but, as discussed in chapter 9, the institutions and individuals that were the legal custodians of the forest resources and conservation areas in the Cordillera often monopolized their control over the rich pool of resources that had been made available to the campesinos for personal gain. Chapter 10 describes the failure of development interventions to offset the impact generated by long-term State intervention in the Cordillera.

The rest of the dissertation (chapters 11 through 14) focuses on the local level response to State intervention. Chapters 11 and 12 describe campesinos adopt a number of creative mechanisms to avoid State control and to continue in period through the use of peasant-style productive strategies. Despite peasant efforts to resist, chapter 13 shows that the top-down historical processes of State intervention described in earlier chapters resulted in the alteration or disappearance of the traditional institutions and survival strategies around which early peasant adaptation were organized. The remaining campesinos in the Cordillera are shown to be the representatives of a dying rural subculture. Chapters 14 and 15 further illustrate the ramifications of a dying way of life. The fact that campesinos no longer consider farming in the Cordillera as a viable means of making a living, especially for their children, has resulted in massive outmigration from the Cordillera into the plains or overseas. These two chapters also explore the unusual demographic trend characterizing outmigration, the disproportionate exit of girls and women, and the social consequences of this trend for the region. Chapter 16 summarizes the conclusions and broader implications of the study.

Notes

¹ Coffee, maize and pigeon peas continued to be grown produced primarily by smallholding peasants during this period. Nevertheless, during the early 1980s large-scale plantations also emerged for the planting of these crops (Zúñiga 1985, Saut 1985).

² In the *Enciclopedia Geográfica* or in other Spanish speaking countries, the majority of the population living around the parks and natural areas is generally portrayed as practically all indigenous, locally people from the "campesino" or rural areas. The term *campesino* is sometimes simply refers to a "rural dweller" or a person who lives in the campo (*campesinista*). Conceptual confusion has been created, both in English and in Spanish academic works, by redefining the word "campesino" with the concept of "peasant" as it has been defined and used under resistance circles.

³ The *Enciclopedia Histórica* defines a peasant as "a member of a rural class," that includes "agricultural workers, tenant farmers and laborers." It is also defined there as, "a country person, rustic" and sometimes depicted as, "ruralist, rustic, or ill-bred" (see ¹).

⁴ As today, it has stated: "we cannot really understand the origins or nature of peasant plantations in the Andes by studying them in nature. Each such mode of adaptation began as a rural resistance—a means of

dealing with existing economic conditions – to which the present style was a response? (Hobsbawm [1974] 1-4).

¹ A historical and political economy approach emphasises the changing patterns of rural development and the fact that so-called peasant agriculture shared many conditions with its counterpart in large enterprises, especially along between rural and urban centres. Rather, recent studies have emphasised that rural people may engage in absolutely 'peasant' types of behaviour in response to changing market conditions and the changing role and influence of the State in particular regions in different periods of time (see Rautavaara [1981, 1982] 1991 [9]). In other words, rural people adapt their behaviour to the market and/or systems of labor mobilization among other things, in response to changing political, economic and social configurations.

² The distinction, although perhaps overly pedantic for the present context, should also be made between peasant and peasant households. A peasant could be a member of a peasant household, in that they are making temporal contributions to the household system constituted among the properties of the household, but themselves not participating in the household and therefore typically not a peasant. What economic studies the household is concerned with are members of Caribbean peasant households who have migrated over the last 100 or more years and migrated to a rural economy in the household but have been fully involved in modern industrial processes, not returning for work, decades or generations later. Another problem in discussing peasants versus peasant households is that the household concept is multiple and has many meanings and participants in village economies, but the members of the household are often specialists, not self-sufficient. Caribbean peasant scholars tend to be characterised by extreme degrees of internal specialisation. The peasant, the member of a peasant's dependant household might specialise in producing a particular commodity such as bananas. A man might be strictly a farmer or a fisherman. Or more commonly for might be a fisherman partially dependent farming.

Again dependant is probably overly pedantic, but it brings up the fact that perhaps a better use of the term peasant is in describing production systems, economic relationships and not individuals.

³ The purpose of this discussion is to discuss characteristics of groups labelled peasants in the Caribbean and not to provide an in-depth comparison of the evolution of the Caribbean peasantry with so-called peasants outside of the Caribbean. However, it is important to point out, first of all, that there are groups in the Latin American manuscripted context peasant agriculture similar to those described in the Caribbean, especially relevant of those areas. Spanish literature is very different in its perception of the Caribbean in comparison to the so-called traditional peasantism in the Latin Americanised form of the concept of peasant. In both of these groups is considering, for example, I have mentioned that one group in Spanish literature refers to the 'rural movement' of the Dominican peasants. The example, the groups that maintain the traditional Latin American peasantism generally of the movement of indigenous communities that produce the national product. On the other hand, Caribbean peasants are very recent and Caribbean peasants are the members of people who come from some other place in the world. Furthermore, systems in the Caribbean peasantry formed in the image of those outside the framework of the traditional Latin American 'peasantism' also involved the incorporation of the national State upon the 'national movement' of peasant indigenous groups in order to control capital production and labor constantly in the form of slaves. Another important difference concerns the relationship of the farmers to the land. The Latin American indigenous peasant groups tend to be linked to the land in a way that is not always fully understood by modern scholars and which they manage through heavily developed social networks. On the other hand, most Caribbean peasant groups tend to be highly mobile with the deeply rooted traditional indigenous particular plot of land. The traditional or indigenous peasant groups of Latin America also employed class-consciousness and increasing consciousness that from the State's perspective types of social organization. On the other hand, the basis of social organization for the majority of peasant type groups in the Caribbean is the market and not the land, and there are few land struggles that serve to coordinate the behavior of groups not linked through management in sharing landless land. In this sense, the Caribbean peasants are or 'open communities' that are characterized by groups that interact frequently with outside markets (Hobsbawm [1974] 1-113).

⁴ The peasant agriculture, natural along the margins of a nation gaps in State control and the strong peasant consciousness is degree of autonomy from the State and economic crisis. Unrepresented economic

by their groups of their control over their lands and the labor of their household. Furthermore, the similarities and differences of their social organizations and geographic areas in the Caribbean display various developmental tendencies in the historical evolution of different islands and regions. In accord with developed sugar industries based on slavery labor, Tobago-Martin described the process analogous to economic plantation slavery. It was the Caribbean in the nineteenth century a matter of progress to the plantation system and its components, and it made of commerce in imported slaves of the 'Main' (1984 [1979] 122-23).

The abolition of slavery made possible the end of the slave and the planters' over the process of the plantation and provided the primary impulse for the development of the economy in relation with well developed plantation economies. In Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, for example, the abolition 'transform[ed] that legal authority that had evolved a social economy in relation to slavery into a power over the economic and social life of the large majority' and the slave economy sought to be transformed into those with the focus to achieve certain amount of freedom over the plantation (Madden 1994 [1981] 13). On the other hand, in Cuba the breakdown of the social and political structure and changes as a result of 33 years of bloody resistance that eventually ended 'the of domestic progressive plantation economies in the New World into a struggle of peasant progress' (Lafont 1984 [1944] 4-10). Spanish Santo Domingo was characterized by the relatively weak presence of the slave throughout the colonial period, although this was more further accelerated when the consequences of the Haitian revolution spread into the neighboring Spanish colony.

The various states in the different Caribbean islands had many means of resistance for ensuring control over independent peasants. For example, with the threat of the indigenous population of the islands only in the colonial period, one of the existing problems facing the states in the Caribbean was that requiring cheap labor to produce export crops. This was achieved mainly by exporting slaves taken from their homes. With the abolition of slavery, however, once again the planters' dilemma would have no time to come as adequate labor supply of slaves that they should otherwise waste the peasants' capacity for increasing market production' (Hosmer 1987). In the case of the Dominican Republic, peasants and workers in marginal areas that would have been involved by economic and political crises and the movement 'unorganized' labor the plantations, regional movements in those that appear strategies that emerged in the mid-nineteenth century. In their process, subsistence production provided for economic freedom in the plantation (Lafont 1984 [1944] 4).

For the various governments were taken to control slaves on the one hand and production throughout the Caribbean. These efforts became similar in different forms and had different degrees of success in liberating or liberating peasant production by different means. Immediately after the abolition of slavery in the British and French West Indies, for example, the British government supported the planters in their attempts to introduce various measures to deal to maintain working to the extent a few wages, something that failed to prevent the emergence of a variety of independent smallholding farmers. Correspondence such as the French West Indies included adopting new legislation to provide setting in French West Indies various peasant (Madden 1994 [1981] 13). The passage of regulatory legislation and land/tenure reforms (Madden 1994 [1981] 13). In the French colonies of Martinique and Guadeloupe, the state forced slaves to work on abandoned sugar plantations and failed to control peasant production, instead an official used to work through the buying of personal and real estate to reduce peasant off of the peasant grounds and into national plantations work, and adopted a 'new system' that required slaves to report to plantations to be national peasant (Madden 1994).

Both during and after the nineteenth century the governing classes temporarily attempted to reduce the plantation economy by using measures to put the ex-slaves back to work on the plantations. For example, Hosmer (1987) describes the purchase of small amounts of land and small agricultural units to return to their plantations and control a small portion of the work through the use of small (Lafont 1984 [1944] 4). Lafont (1984 [1944] 4) also mentions the state and the Church continued to heavily influence slaves (Hosmer 1987). But by the early 1850s the pressure had been put on the French West Indies and the Royal Code of 1828, emphasizing that slavery was, attempting to in the total later turn to peasants, and changing rural farmers to pay a percentage of their agricultural production as a tax to the state - peasants' labor that often and highly successful effort to ensure that ended over the century a later and complex (Madden 1994 27). The Royal Code was largely ignored.

⁷ In fact, as will be discussed in later chapters, the establishment of the major plantations in this eastern region of the country in the late 19th century in Brazilian states Espírito Santo and Rio de Janeiro of the province that had implemented the plantation in São Paulo.

⁸ The Nature Conservancy funded the follow-up for the phase of the project under the auspices of conducting a so-called “Human Ecological Assessment” of both Roraima and Roraima National Parks. The field research staff was carried out independently and did not include participation or input of conservation or development intervention in the rural areas. In exchange for conducting the activities of the field research team and providing the Nature Conservancy with an assessment of the human context of the parks, I was allowed to keep the assistant and to use the funds and time to develop this of interest for my doctoral dissertation.

⁹ The follow-up phase of the research was conducted with funding from WOTROCH.

¹⁰ The household head or spouse was the representative respondent. A household was defined as a building or about people living. The researcher in follow household members were demographic information in the large secondary databases. For the Roraima survey, initial rapid coverage of the household were completed. All households were numbered and a random number table was used to select those that would be approached to participate in the survey.

¹¹ Following a more specific detail regarding other methods that were used in the research.

Basic groups. Eight small single sex and mixed sex basic groups were conducted. Seven to ten individuals participated in each basic group. Four basic groups were conducted in Lajão and four in Lajão. The goal was to understand perceptions of each group regarding changes in gender roles, changes in the community over time, changes in their requirements and technology use and environmental awareness of the different groups. Participatory mapping was used with groups of men and women within the representative of basic groups to enhance understanding of various and historical resource use patterns.

Gendered resource use mapping. There were used to generate information regarding gender-specific land tenure and resource use. Mapping was used to identify household and community level to identify resources regarding historical differential patterns of resource use by gender.

Shifting agriculturalists. Thirty-four household heads from Lajão and Lajão were asked for the location of village and the date of village when women began to live there, the date the village had left. The village was to capture the range of post-independence and history levels. Other information collected through of village education level and the names of children born and the sex of those children.

Fertility questionnaires. To capture an image of current fertility levels by sex, all women in 144 households were asked how many children they had born, this included all of the primary women in the households in Lajão and two smaller households in Lajão were sample of 100 women in Lajão.

Technology use surveys. Two household and fourteen households in Lajão and Lajão were surveyed to obtain data on the labor saving devices present in the community.

CHAPTER 1 GEOGRAPHY, PARKS, AND RESEARCH SITES OF THE CORDILLERA CENTRAL

Introduction

This chapter presents a brief description of the geography of the Cordillera Central and an overview of the parks in the region. It also identifies the two main study basins chosen for in-depth anthropological research and documents the historical origins of the population of the Cordillera basinslands.

Geography of the Cordillera

Although popular images of the Dominican Republic are dominated by palm trees and tropical beaches, 80% of the country is mountainous. Beginning in the east, close to the Haitian-Dominican border, three principal ranges, the Cordillera Septentrional, the Cordillera Central and the Sierra de Yaboa, run parallel to one another in a southeasterly direction, dividing the country into a series of long valleys.¹ The central and most important of these mountain ranges is the Cordillera Central (commonly referred to as Cordillera). The Cordillera constitutes the geographical spine of the island of Hispaniola (James 1993). Beginning in Haiti—where it is known as the Massif du Nord—the Cordillera extends 300 kilometers southeast, terminating in the municipality of San Cristóbal, just west of the Dominican capital of Santo Domingo. Averaging 80 kilometers wide, the range covers approximately one-third of Dominican national territory. Continued ridges are the four highest peaks in the West Indies. Pico Duarte (3,175m),

La Polosa (1,400m), La Rucila (2,040m) and Poco Yaque (2,760m) and more than 15 other mountains with heights of greater than 1,000 meters.

The majority of the Cordillera is dominated by hills. Pothole highland plateaus and valleys provided the ecological base for the establishment of larger agricultural villages and towns, the most important of which are Constanta, Jarabacoa and Tinto, located within the extensive inter-mountain valleys of the Cordillera. The important subregion of the Cordillera known as La Sierra extends along the southwestern slopes of the Cordillera, to the west of the Jarabacoa region, and includes three municipalities: Jánico, San José de las Matas, and Miraflores. The Cordillera also includes considerable smaller highland savanna areas and river valleys that initially provided the basis for the establishment of small agricultural settlements deep in the interior of the range.

The climate of the Cordillera highlands is cool and temperate, sheltered from the hot, tropical lowlands. During the winter months (January and February) temperatures in the highest areas approach zero degrees Celsius and temperatures as low as four below Celsius have been recorded. In the municipality of Constanta, at approximately 1000 meters above sea level, the average temperature is 18 degrees Celsius, with summer highs averaging between 19-20 degrees Celsius (OEA 1967).

Research Areas

There are currently five areas on the Cordillera under legally protected status.²

The Amparo-Barriles and Juan Ponce Enríquez National Parks are the two most important of these protected areas, covering approximately 20% of the Dominican portion of the mountain range, and it is in the surroundings of these parks that the research was carried out (these two parks will hereafter be referred to respectively as Barriles and Amparo).

The two parks constitute an almost orthogonal segment of land in the heart of the mountain range. Beginning with Rancho to the east, the westernmost limits of the middle extend almost to the Mexican border. Rancho belongs to the municipality of Cuernavaca to the north. Its southern slopes include the municipalities of San José de Ocosingo and Pánuco de la Cruz. Guerrero Negro stretches slightly to the west of Rancho, and extends down the municipality of Amilcocha to the east, along the southern boundaries of the Sierra, to the west, near the Mexican border. The southern limits of Guerrero cover the northern limits of José del Carmen Ramírez Park to the east of the Cordillera, and except for a spur to the extreme west, Guerrero remains unoppressed along its southern limits.

Effectively then, the research area stretches across the whole northern slope of the Cordillera, an area that has traditionally constituted the hinterlands of the larger Cordillera towns and cities and remains among the last refuges of the traditional Dominican campesinado: the small farmer groups that once constituted the backbone of the Dominican economy. Yams and sorghums were carried out in many of the hamlets located along the borders of these parks, but two hamlets also were selected for longer fieldwork. These hamlets have been identified in the study by the pseudonyms Los Pinos and Las Papas. Los Pinos is located in the northwestern highlands of the Cordillera, in a region commonly referred to as La Sierra. At the time of the last field visit in 2011 the hamlet had 70 households. Las Papas is located farther east, in a region of the Cordillera close to the important agricultural valley of Cuernavaca. In 2001 this hamlet had 119 households distributed over a broad area close to or just over the northern boundaries of Rancho National Park. The history and contemporary landscape found in these communities reveals the breadth of changes in the economy, demographic patterns, and subsistence strategies that have taken place in the Cordilleran hinterlands.¹



Figure 2.1 Research Study Area

General Characteristics of Highland Settlements in the Study Region

Los Pinos and Los Pinos are both *pueblos* (rancherías, smaller units of much larger administrative units called *municipios*). *Secoreros* primarily serve as administrative functions. There is an *alcalde pedáneo*, a kind of civil justice of the peace, who oversees the whole *municipio*. Each *pueblo* also has a separate *alcalde*, a deputy that reports to the *alcalde pedáneo* of the *municipio*. However, *secoreros* and *pueblos* are not strongly unified communities (as corporate ones). Neither *pueblos* nor *secoreros* have local governments or other institutions that require the sanction of a given *pueblo* or *municipio* to coordinate their relations in a special way with other branches of the same administrative unit.

Los Pinos and Los Pinos display characteristics that are similar to other highlands that are widely scattered throughout the highlands. The typical *pueblo* in this region (highlands) consist of settlements that contain anywhere between 10 and 120 households

These hamlets are among the most remote in the Dominican Republic, only accessible by traversing often steep and rough mountain roads at a 4 x 4 vehicle or, in some cases, on mule or by boat. The network of gravel access roads were originally built by the hamlet companies in the 1980s-1990s, and every couple of years, generally close to election time, the government will pass a bulldozer through to level the roads, which soon upon are quickly eroded and galled by rain, wind, and the passage of animals and vehicles.



Figure 2-2. Approximate location of Las Piedras and Las Puercas

The populations in the hamlets beyond the reach of access roads are reminiscent of the poor who in some dispersed settlements predominated in the highlands, an adaptation to the rugged mountain terrain in which building flat areas for the construction of houses was difficult and the irregular topography made regular travel to a distant farm plot exceedingly tedious (Morley 1979; Shupe 1977). Individual or small clusters of households are widely scattered through the mountains and connected by a network of

mainland trails. The houses are often surrounded by vegetation making them difficult to locate without the assistance of a guide familiar with the local paths and terrain.

In recent years, however, the village has increasingly come out of the hills to settle along the main access roads.⁴ The majority of houses themselves consist of steep settlements in which houses, stores, and other buildings extend along both sides of a principal access road or path. A few other houses as well as gardens and fields are scattered widely in the nearby hills. The only houses that have anything resembling town-center tend to be the primary houses of the widows, like Las Parias, in which services, administrative and specialized commercial functions are concentrated.⁵

Households

The average campesino household includes slightly over five members.⁶

Households consist primarily of male-headed, nuclear family units. Although it is common for regular interaction – such as food and labor exchanges, to take place with extended family members, the predominant ideal and reality is that rural farming communities in this region consist of independent nuclear family units. Upon entering this area, a new married pair is expected to establish a house that is separate from the parental household. Patrilineal residence rules predominate, and although it is common for male children to build their houses close to the parental home, even on family property, a house will frequently be built around the yard of the new home to establish a clear division between the new nuclear family and the parental home.⁷

Table 2-1 breaks down the different household configurations that existed in the hamlet of Las Parias during the summer of 2004.⁸ As the table indicates, extended family households are relatively uncommon and it is especially rare for households to

include nonkinship-based members or more than one non-independently-related coupled couple.

Table 2.1 Household configurations in Los Yacaré

Configuration of household	Number	%
Nuclear family households (coupled and not-coupled)	46	65.7
Extended family households (coupled and, offspring independent with children)	7	10.0
Female headed extended family households (female head with offspring and children of offspring)	8	11.4
Female headed households (female head with children)	4	5.7
Single male households	3	4.3
Households with young males and children	2	2.9
Household-motherly household	1	1.4
Total	78	100.0

July peak surveys show that males head 56% of households in the study area.¹⁷ The relatively small number of female headed households in the study region accords rather dramatically with both the rural and urban patterns at a national level, in which the prevalence of female headed households has reportedly increased significantly over the last 30 years. For example, a major national demographic and health survey carried out in 1996 reported that 25.5% of rural families are female headed as are 31.2% of families in urban areas (CEPRIM *et al.* 1996).

Despite the establishment of a separate domestic unit, males who remain close to home generally retain strong ties to the paternal and extended family and maintain a collaborative economic relationship with their fathers. Donald Murray (1976) observed that in his study hamlet of Pozo Yacaré the predominant settlement pattern consisted of small clusters of households comprising largely of patrilocally related or (patrilineal) extended families. This kind of settlement pattern continues to be observed in the highlands of the Chiriquí, although the quantitative frequency of its occurrence has not been established with any certainty in this study.¹⁸ Nevertheless, it is important to point out that collaboration at the level of the extended, patrilineal family continues to play an

important role both as agricultural labor, amongst women in the performance of other household tasks, and in other forms of economic exchange.

Social differentiation

Although the conventional view this study often refers simply to the peasants or campesinos as if they are a homogeneous group, the population of the remote highlands is not completely egalitarian. Economic differences in the Cordillera derive from unequal access to the land and capital and from the relative position of the individual within their power relations. Institutional migration has played an important role in social differentiation and those families with relatives abroad that receive remittances also tend to be among the economically privileged in the highlands.

The campesinos often simply divide people into two categories—the *Chigüiros* (literally 'the small ones or poor people') and the *Gruesos* (literally 'the big ones or wealthy people')—although the population can be stratified into three segments.¹² On the one extreme are migrant Huastecs and, to a lesser extent, migrant Dominican laborers. These individuals possess neither homes nor land in the highlands in which they work, and in the case of Huastecs, are generally illegal immigrants. On the other extreme are large absentee landowners, retired intellectuals who live in towns or villages, retired officials, engineers and labor and who enjoy the advantages of urban political and economic ties. (However) the majority of the households in the Cordillera Central (approximately 90%) are small farmers. This is the also the social group in the Cordillera that most closely conforms to an image of the 'typical' peasant. These households have access to small plots of land (between 1.5 and 1.2 acres), which they use primarily to produce a cash crop. Production is carried out through family labor although the use of salaried labor has become increasingly common even amongst these groups.

House construction

The typical composite house (house or hut) consists of a single story, two to three room structure with walls constructed of hand-carved/plane of pine (*Pinus arizonicus*) or mesquite poles (*Prosopis juliflora*). The walls and trim of the exterior are almost always painted in bright pastel—light blue, pink, red or orange, among others. The floors of these structures are generally cement or earth and in both cases maintained rigorously swept. The roofing materials, which traditionally consisted of hand made wooden shingles or palm fronds, are now almost exclusively tin. Kitchens are typically built separate from the house.

Unlike what has been reported for other areas of the Cordillera, Dominican houses rarely share a yard even when living next to a household of an extended family member (Muniz 1979). The yards are controlled by the women of the family and generally planted with a diversity of edible, medicinal, and decorative plants. The yard also serves for the raising of smaller yard animals, particularly chickens. Latrines are typically crude huts and are frequently shared among many households. In recent years modern technology has been incorporated and many households now have access to piped water, solar panels and other labor saving technologies.

As will be discussed in Chapter 14, over the last 30 years the Cordillera has been characterized by rapid categorization into ethnic areas or subnational divisions. Migration is reflected statistically in the fact that many of the houses also display larger houses built of a more durable construction materials. These houses are generally those of the families of migrants with members who have gone or brought back capital earned abroad. In some cases these houses are two story structures, and inevitably they are built of cement block with zinc or cement roofs. The larger houses are occasionally found in

surprising spots deep in the mountains, and some even sport satellite dishes—rural
mansions or compounds in the forests neighboring hotels.

Services

Since the 1990s (LFO-1991), government investments have been
concentrated in large villages and urban areas, and that is reflected in the quality of
infrastructure and services available within the remote study region. The robustness of
the local communities are required to access the majority of services in the distant nearby
regional centers. Most of the hamlets surrounding the parks are connected to the national
power grid, but there is considerable use of solar panels especially in the communities on
the western side of Bwindi. This is a recent phenomenon, linked to a rural
electrification program sponsored by the European Union.

Approximately 50% of the hamlets in the study area have access to potable water
through tapstands, generally consisting of PVC tubes that draw water from the streams
and rivers in the highlands of the parks. The readiness of communities with these systems
explains the high quality of their potable water. Of all the hamlets visited in the
Cordillera during the research, only two have pay phones running on solar power.
Nevertheless, there are often at least one or two families in each community that have cell
phones that will function from a nearby strategically chosen high point on the top of a
hill.

Private clinics that offer basic health care are scarce in the hinterlands. Hospitals
that provide emergency services are only found in the towns, generally far enough
west, often a trip of two hours from any given hamlet by vehicle. A number of
missionary-based health providers trained by the State Health Ministry or by NGOs, but
that frequently have limited skills and primarily work as vaccinators or infant health

campaigns. In the most remote hamlets, those located off of the main access roads, emergency rooms must be created or incorporated as outposts in a community where there is an access road, and from there driven by vehicle to the nearest community where a health clinic or doctor can be found.

All of the hamlets in the study are close to a public primary school. The schoolhouse commonly doubles as a community center and even as a church. The schools in the remote zone generally offer up to the fifth grade. Obtaining a high school level education requires either a grueling study commute, studying through a weekend program, or a move into a larger town.¹² The overall educational level of the population remains low, especially amongst adults. The Bernabé survey showed that 26.4% of household heads never attended school and 72% of household heads have an education that does not go beyond the third grade, which is a point of reference that has been used as an indicator of functional literacy in the country (S&A, 1984).¹³ Despite the difficulty of obtaining an education and the low literacy level of people who remain in the communities, the campesinos in the region assign tremendous importance to educating their children, and they make special efforts to do so (page 12).

Markets and other economic infrastructure

In contrast to other rural areas of the Caribbean where open-air markets play the primary role in the distribution of goods and livestock, in the Dominican Republic this function is dominated by the colonnada, small general stores (Murray 1983). Typically, one or more colonnadas of varying sizes can be found even in the smallest of hamlets. In Los Pinos, for example, which only has 70 households, there are 5 colonnadas.

The colonnada serves a dual social function in the Caribbean. The first function is that of selling basic livestock such as corn, vegetable oil, and beans as well as a variety

range of other commodities (clothes, batteries and flashlight, pens and pencils). Goods can be purchased in a *tienda* (grocery and miscellany store) or *venta* (place for one article) or trusted customers. Also important, however, is the social function of *lancha* (lunch) or *comida* (dinner) place. *Colombas* are well stocked with liquor, and some gather within and in front of these establishments to play dominoes, to drink rum, beer and whiskey and to listen to music. Women, particularly young single women, are strongly discouraged from visiting *colombas*, even to make a simple purchase.

Other economic infrastructure tends to be concentrated in the *cabecera* towns.

These include warehouses for the storage of produce, small distributionships of medicines, batteries and pesticides, and cooperatives. In some of the areas where coffee is produced there are electric coffee mills run with diesel generators that have replaced the labor intensive hand-cranked mills previously used in the region.

Social activities

As described above, the *colombas* are common gathering point for men to drink, play dominoes and listen to music, especially on weekends. Other social gathering points include the *galerías* (parking areas). Indeed, *cochiflights* are a national passion, and many men dedicate considerable effort towards visiting and preparing flights routes. Some of the smaller *lanchas* have *radiochif* galleries, which are technically illegal, or the equivalent in the nearest larger *lancha* where a legally registered gallery is located.

Some *lanchas* have a community center where women, women's and youth organizations meet. In case of a community center, the *colombas* may be used for social functions. Sunday meetings are dedicated to church services. The majority of the population in Colombia although Evangelical churches have also begun to make use of many of the assets areas of the *Colombas*. The most important social activities are the

Fiestas Patronales (Fiestas Saint Fours) that take place during a week each year. During Christmas season, many citizens return from the larger towns or from abroad to celebrate the holidays with their families in the countryside.

The Parks

The initial purpose of this description was to achieve an understanding of present adaptations to park development in the Dominican Republic. The commentators studied all exist in close proximity to Rancho or Barahona National Parks. Many of the changes that have occurred in campesino life in the Cordillera have occurred elsewhere as well, as across further than parks. That is, not all rural changes in the Cordillera are due to the parks. Nonetheless, despite the fact that the creation of parks alone has not been the only rural force driving changes in peasant life-ways, they have been an ongoing and important presence that reflects the lives of the inhabitants of the study region.

The parks protect unique natural spaces and are perhaps best known for their forests of *Pithecellobium*, a variety of pine endemic to the island of Hispaniola. The parks also provide important habitats both for animals as well as regulatory forest systems. However, the strategic economic significance of the parks at a national level rests in the fact that they protect the watersheds of the country's major river systems including the Yaque del Norte and Yaque del Sur, Rio, Yuna, Mero, Las Cuevas, Ozama, Tinto, Blanco, and the Ozon. These rivers provide fresh water for the approximately 2.2 million inhabitants of the capital-city, Santo Domingo- the estimated 400-600 residents of Santiago and for the inhabitants of other low-lying areas in the Republic. The water originating in the parks is also critical for the maintenance of low head irrigation systems and for the operation of two hydroelectric dams. For these systems, the area of the

Cordillera encompassed by the park has long been identified as a critical conservation zone (Barkham et al. 1982, QAG 1987).

The lands and resources within the park area were also long exploited for other, nonrenew economic ends. Barro Colorado, for example, is located in the mountains south of the head of Los Peñas. From a high point, the park appears like a vast expanse of green mountain stretching south as far as the eye can see. It is a Caribbean rain forest dominated by pine forests that were once native to the Sierra Alps in northern California. From this perspective, high up in the park, an alert observer would notice various patches in the vegetation and small changes in the park, evidence of past human activity. Different groups have long used the lands and park resources. Archaeological remains attest to the presence during antiquity of Taino Indians. During the colonial days of colonization small bands of Spanish occupiers established gold mines here. In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, the mountains provided the base for a robust livestock and agricultural based peasant economy; and in the middle part of the past century, it was the resident home of the most remote groups of the Cordillera. It has only been since the early 1940s that prohibitions against agricultural and herding activities in Barro Colorado have been strictly enforced. Today Barro Colorado National Park is relatively quiet and nature has all but completely reclaimed the area, although some clandestine farming, grazing, and poaching continue.

In contrast, the area within and surrounding Barro Colorado Park were historically much less populated and much less intensively exploited. But recent activity is markedly more apparent. Approaching the park from the south, one sees deforested hillside covered over with the well-known like undulating ridges characteristic of cattle overgrazing. Along the park boundaries, recently cleared mountain slopes are covered

with vast areas of potatoes, cabbage and beans, non traditional short-cycle crops planted for the urban market. Littering the fields are empty bags of chemical pesticides and fertilizers. In some areas bellflowers and forest red flowers have re-emerged within fields. In other places mountain slopes have eroded away into their steep cliffs. High-tech irrigation pipes extend up the hillside into the peak highlands effectively draining off water miles before it reaches the peak headwaters.

Crossing over into the park, winding up old logging roads and into the heart of the preserve, 1000 meters above sea level, the landscape becomes reminiscent of an alpine valley. The *camelia* or Yulla Maera (the New Valley), the nucleus of the Rancón National Park. Open areas are interspersed with impressive stands of *acacia* (*Acacia* spp.), expanses of abandoned potato and bean growing terraces. Forest fire shaggy stands in a history of forest fires on the area. Striped stands of pine of the *Montañas* variety (*Pinus* spp.) reveal a failed attempt to reforest with an introduced exotic species.

Origins of the Forecasts of the Cordillera Huasteco

The large towns in the Cordillera such as Huejutla and San Juan de los Rios trace their origins back as far as 1600, when they were first settled by colonists displaced from the Northwest and North Central parts of the colony during the so called *desamortization*, movements ordered by the Spanish monarch who sought, unsuccessfully, to reassert their control over the colonies by concentrating them in the eastern portion of the island (García 1982). But throughout the colonial period the Cordillera and especially the lands deep in the heart of the mountains remained all but abandoned. These remote areas were the domains of *sera* *sierradeños* (bird pig hunters known as *seras* (*serapentes*)), lonely and now folklore figures who based their livelihoods on hunting bird pigs and cattle in the dense Cordillera forests (García 1972, Reed 1968/1944). Other lands in

the *Cordillera Occidental* and small ranches called *haciendas*, operations that required little labor, often operated by the owner with his family members and a few slaves (Billet 1997).

The most significant population movements into the interior of the *Cordillera* began after the 1544 independence from Spain, which was a time of post-colonial political turmoil. The next 15th century was marked by frequent Mexican incursions as well as recurrent internal clashes between regional rancheros (aristocrats) seeking to maintain independence from central government control. The ongoing political turmoil and the resulting campaigns by the rancheros to forcibly recruit soldiers into the local militias during the period drove many peasants to take refuge in the remote mountainous areas of the country (Murray 1976). Similarly in the next 1440s between Spain and central Mexico, many peasants fled the mountains to take refuge from the political turmoil caused by the War of Independence, a period during which many fled to remote mountainous areas of the country (Hartshorn 1982 [194]). After the war, permanent settlements sprang up along the routes used by the immigrants (Gonzalez 1990 [4]).

In addition to the effects of peasants on rural life, the second major cause of population expansion into the mountains of the *Cordillera* was the increasing scarcity of suitable agricultural and grazing land on the lowlands and in the more populated northern slopes of the *Cordillera* where the principal towns were located. This process began perhaps as early as the last quarter of the 15th century and continued through much of the 16th century. In essence, the agricultural frontier progressively expanded into the mountains. This trend was reinforced by the semi-sedentary character of peasant agriculture that required constant access to fresh lands and open areas for farming and the grazing of animals.

Origin of the Population in the Study Region

At the beginning of the 20th century, the population of the Cordillera remained concentrated largely around three primary towns such as San José de los Rios, Juncos El Rubio, and Manacitas that, at the time, were small and hostile agricultural settlements and rudimentary marketing centers linked to the city of Santiago via trade paths. The emergence of a nascent timber industry during the first decades of the century stimulated economic growth and diversification in the Cordillera. Accompanied by population growth, this provided an early impetus for the movement of farmers into the remote mountain highlands to the south of the valleys. Little Stone production existed in these remote areas and farmers could either produce shares of a commercial householding from the success of having produced enough for sales or settle on state lands without any impediment. Early farmers sought to settle on or near productive flatter lands where water was readily accessible—along river valleys, small highland plateaus or mountainous arid areas. Small settlements consisting primarily of households linked by extended family ties thus became distributed in a widely scattered fashion throughout the highlands.

The current population of mountain households such as Los Portos trace their origin back to these same pioneering families that were part of the original dream in the Cordillera highlands early in the 20th century. By the 1930s (if not somewhat earlier) small settlements had been established in the areas around and within the lands currently encompassing Bernardo Noel and Park.¹⁸ These homestead families produced much of their own food but also sold livestock, cattle and other resources in the larger valleys where it was either consumed by villages or sold to intermediaries who transported the products to markets in larger urban centers (San Miguel) (NIT 83).

The population of Las Vegas and other hamlets along the northern limits of Rancho Nacional Park is of more recent origin than the population of Las Flores. Ochoaqui and José Robles, a teenage rancher who established himself in the heart of Valle Nuevo in 1905 as a *sereno* (the now-famous *Los Hornos* [Hornos de los Rabiles]) the area remained virtually unpopulated until the arrival of three founding families in the early 1940s.¹¹ As in the case of the Sierra, these early migrants arrived from the north: a hamlet on the foothills of the Cordillera close to the town of La Vega. This occurred just before a number of lumber mills were established in the region.

For reasons that will be explained in subsequent chapters, the lumber mills were able to control access to what are currently parklands and restrain extensive migration of peasant agriculturalists into the region. Lumber workers that lived on the lumber camps, infrequently made up of 10 households whose heads were full-time farmers in the area. After the closing of the mills in 1967, a small number of migrant farming families occupied the work camp buildings abandoned by the lumber company that was located in the heart of Las Vegas.¹² Furthermore, two former company workers decided to remain in the area and began to farm. By 1981, the population of the Las Vegas consisted of 62 households. Unlike Las Flores, however, due in the last 20 years the population of Las Vegas has been bolstered by a recent influx of migrants from the south.¹³ This process was tied to the migration of intensive vegetable farming from the Cordillera valley into the fertile lands within and surrounding the park region, and is an important phenomenon that will be explained in much greater detail in later chapters.

Conclusion

The purpose of this chapter was to provide an overview of the research area including a description of the geographic characteristics of the Cordillera, of the study

area and of the *pequeños*. The populations inhabiting the *pequeños* have a relatively recent origin. The early settlers of the Cordillera moved from the lowlands into the hills to escape the violence and insecurity that predominated in the lowlands in the latter part of the 19th century. Their progress continued to move north, farther into the heart of the Cordillera as parcels of lands and established the early families and settlements that were the precursors to the current population of the Cordillera.

As will be discussed in the next chapter, elderly campesinos speak of the past with a great deal of nostalgia. They recall a time of prosperity that was based on the unimpeded access to the direct resources and vast open lands of the Cordillera. As this dissertation will show, however, this time of prosperity was relatively short lived. Unimpeded access to resources would be increasingly restricted as political and economic elites supported by the state took increasing interest in using the resources of the Cordillera for other purposes.

Notes

¹ The most important resources of the valleys in the Cúcuta, the country's agricultural heartland, which lies between the Cordillera Occidental and the Cordillera Septentrional that separates the Cúcuta from the Atlantic Ocean.

² In the case of research, these consisted of the following protected areas: Salga de Uva National Park, Simón Bolívar National Park, José Martí Urban Reserve (National Park), Juan B. Páez Reserve National Park, and the Orinoquia Wildlife Scientific Reserve.

³ I use the term community to mean that a community is able to organize itself, although an identity (PID) gives a little purpose and direction to political administration boundaries and an economic or important functional one. That is, there are the administrative units at the local level clearly marked boundaries of political boundaries. Community government is required, but what the boundaries are and usually around extended families. They work together when necessary and/or as regional. More groups. They do however need to represent themselves as a collective community before outsiders (Baud 1990:16). Community activities may have occurred in some families or the first organized the formation of families level lower. Various social group organizations could be made of the first families have been present, becoming or needed forms not in a certain group built in 1900s and other development organizations.

⁴ During fieldwork in 1996, for example, campesinos in some of the larger families in the study region were displaying local efforts to organize both the church and the schoolhouse, but neither had churches were located in a high point in the forest approximately ten kilometers off of the main access road. They stated that in the past, church buildings were built in what was essentially the center of the community. What do

movement of the population down to the main street and that his occupation meant going outside the boundaries of the higher class. Both of these buildings are now located in amongst other white houses, requiring a rather rapid walk up a very steep hill when walking past is forbidden.

¹² In Los Perles, for example, there was one store located along which the village outside existed locally. This store was along the road a considerable distance from a marketplace, a carpenter, a plumber (general work) a Cigarrero (Cigar) and a community centre. The house of the doctor is also located close to the store. This centre is very important for the health of people in the community. On the other hand, the medical facilities of the centre do not have anything resembling a definite "centre".

¹³ The years 1980 are 1.04 people per household, in the case of the household survey and 1.20 in the case of the census survey. The lowest number of average household members found in the census survey can be explained by the fact that, when the survey was carried out in the northern part of the park, it was largely independent of the town. Many household members had left to work in other economic opportunities outside of the community.

¹⁴ This pattern already existed in Los Perles. On the other hand, in San Felipe, houses were not divided along lines but this was for expediency only due to the fact that these families were originally established in the camps in which the old workers spent. These communities are occupied by numerous families, as well as extended houses, were clustered very closely together.

¹⁵ This was a suspicion at the time of research. However, household configurations frequently vary in different parts of the park due to the changing requirements of the community. For example, households may become generational periods in which children living there were taken into the parental house while working or held as independent houses and, during the time, having children. Furthermore, many studies have shown as the important aspect that migration has in household configurations. There are households in the study community in which the absence of children is the result of international migration patterns, often single women working seasonal seasons because only the lower community has this the money. In these cases, the household configurations provide the opportunity of a female headed unit, although usually the nuclear family remains despite the external threat of loss of the strongest part. During times of regional hardship, which families may have the household responsibility for the city in which to maintain a source of work they increase. Young labour for husband and children is required. It may even be the children of the house increasingly migrate for the husband to establish new households. Our house is located in the central region (created) occupied by the early and children, who are then moved high school. The other household is located in the rural community and especially the father and his male children who work the family farm. Therefore, even the family continues to function as a "core household" rather than although the members of the family are dispersed amongst more than one household (see below (F2)).

¹⁶ This definition of a type of female headed household is the same as that used by the World Bank (W.B.). The core these households in which the husband is not present either because the head has given him married, or is married or divorced, or because the husband never presents in the household and the female headed household must document status in the census.

¹⁷ It is likely however, that migration both from the rural community as well as to the city should also begin to change these traditional gender relations.

¹⁸ In general terms, not only the groups can be compared to in the following manner: 1) migrant workers, 2) headline up industrial workers, 3) small farmers, 4) medium farmers, 5) hacendados, 6) large landowners and 7) businessmen.

Migrant workers, indigenous workers, professionally trained, are a considerable portion in the household surrounding both mineral parks. At any point around place the worker of these workers may well moved into domestic. In the past, the workers were generally Guatemalan, but the presence of Mexican migrant workers has increased over the last 10-20 years from essentially no other family migration from Guatemalan workers.

The presence of Guatemalan migrant workers in the Western Cordillera (although in the large parks, Acra, and especially surrounding Cuernavaca and the northern frontiers of Mexico).

National Park visit, visitors to Red Mountain visiting Campsite Indian Village. Indian Encounters (interpretations in this region appear considerably consistent). These encounters primarily characterize processes along the southern side of the Cordillera Oriental (Páez and Arana).

Localist Local Farmers. There are permanent residents in the highlands who report producing excellent food in mountainous landscapes using traditional peasant farming strategies or contemporary strategies. These individuals are, for all practical purposes, localists, typically producing a small *finca* (house plot) rather than a mix of productive land elsewhere.

Individuals who do not possess sufficient quantities of land must find other means to earn income. Producing coffee, or usually corn or beans. There is a variety of different jobs under mount Cordillera. The few farmers who do not cultivate or export in the form of an exported commodity (a government job made in that of paid guest) choose to migrate. There are also a few opportunities for individuals (mostly guides) who are usually concerned with producing surrounding Remotes, supporters, and some individuals who work alongside or alongside or participate in jobs. But in general, employment opportunities are not a mix of land and other individuals must find other means to earn income. Locally, using oneself for wages today, farmers in agricultural jobs (land preparation, weeding, the tilling of beans, the spreading of fertilizer, and the harvesting of coffee or other crops).

Small Farmers. Small farmers produce the majority of the food eaten in the Cordillera Oriental (approximately 70%). These individuals have access to small plots of land (between 1/2 and 1/3 hectare) which they use to produce much crop. Production is carried out through the use of family labor and the maintenance of natural sites (see below). Many small farmers report spending primarily on buying their tools for their household needs, although it will be increased in other chapters. The majority are direct growers or direct as growers.

Medium Farmers. One can distinguish between small and medium sized farmers by the location of the medium farmer. Medium sized farmers are located generally over 10 hectares. It has grown more to expand rather than to expand as farmers they are able to share land, which allows them to make investments that improve the productivity of their land such as an irrigation system. This is particularly in the case of coffee or other crops. Medium farmers also may play other important roles in the community such as secondary educational needs (such as some of students in health) or as a means to the medium farmer to find land (perhaps produce) as well as other positive results as that of health.

Many medium farmers are involved in government relationships with the small farmers and worker groups. In La Paz, for example, an elderly farmer named Rafael Gómez has been his services as a teacher in a primary school in a land between the small farmers and the teacher who working in other ways. Rafael's family became prominent in La Paz during the period of Rafael Trujillo.

Working in health, Rafael's father, Raphael, was one of the founding founders of the community and made his early income through buying and growing his goods. Raphael's current role is as a midwife, buying and transporting coffee beans and livestock, along with some in the in the region local medical center.

Rafael continued to build his education and expanded upon his father's legacy. Rafael continued to expand his holdings (in La Paz and nearby lands) through his position as the work of local authorities, by working and growing small farms as well as his family that he was interested in. Rafael also continued to work as a midwife (midwife) and small groups such as the small farmers that he formed through personal land lease or from large coffee midwives. These Rafael's current structures and financial status is better known through guide for a visit of the three farmers in La Paz who spend much time in the plantations as well as some within the limits of the park. Rafael's involvement in the work of paid labor is also as a midwife and some of the park area, and his holdings, as an opportunity from economic land competition in the park area.

Large Investments in Infrastructure. The large infrastructure investments include three primary components in local villages: more direct municipal centers or, at times, as buildings or local churches where they find political and economic relationships. More often they obtained land (and through references within larger properties and to be owned by families who reported the land as better resources during the "triple period" that have the typically mountainous and stable pastures. There are also some of large coffee plantations who have expanded their holdings later by land through commercial production over a period of 10 years or more. The large investments have a relatively low level of land and have considerable access to capital and credit. The properties are run by an entrepreneur or farm (owner). Like the medium farmers, many large landowners maintain government relationships with small land farmers, spending on midwives or with an employer.

Businessmen and intermediaries. Only 1.1% of households in the sample reported operating some kind of business. The majority of these households (61%) report their businesses as a secondary source of family income. The business survey is generally based on memory estimates (small grocery store) or purchasing receipts. Items in the large estimates (cars and mobile phones) are as hard to estimate, purchasing either new cars and almost double in price for each to allow for trade-in price based purchasing system. Other uncalibrated sub-sample considerations in multiple estimates. As in the case of Kallak (unpublished survey), as measured by year, based by value, business reported by many in La Paz area. It has been able to measure a picture of impact through memory. As the focus is La Paz area, therefore.

Businesses for small operators as an entrepreneur, he would be willing to sell it, for the first time, but when the business owner is those were current measurements. Now we all know that even and they would not go back to their work. But in the case that the person could not pay their year to new entrepreneur pay the next year. They would pay. But in the next year, if a new year person get into as the results of the year, a few months before the future, then owner's problem. This is a challenge to be honest as multiple and say "I know, my wife is sick and I need to take her to the doctor (then I have money) but not the money and I (I say you have no work either." And I understand, the money will appear.

¹¹ At a national level, there is a clear difference between urban and rural areas in terms of access to high schools. According to PHAD (2006) for example, only 11.4% of villages in high urbanization rates have access to high schools, while in rural areas it is only 1.4%. "A high school education is essential to urban placement" (PHAD 2006: 7).

¹² These educational levels are similar to the majority of the national population that falls within the lowest quartile of income, in which 75.7% of household heads are reported to have never attended school and 50.4% are only having attended primary school (CEPRUM et al. 1999).

¹³ My hypothesis survey data confirms the observations regarding the age, migration patterns and timing of the formation of the population of the community, namely is the proximity of the peak. The sample of 11.1% (total 11.1% of informants) was the top of 20 reported having been born in the most rural part of the area where the survey takes place. More importantly of the 80.4% of informants over 18 years having the university education, only 1.1% (n=1) of reported having been born in an area outside of the Northwest of the Western Cordillera. A similar pattern exists for the formation of the families of informants over 40 years (a female head of household). Of the 17 informants interviewed over 40 years of age, almost 75% of their fathers were born within the Sierra staff, although the majority were born in countries located in the north of the mountain range.

Birthplace of parents of informants over the age of 18 from the La Sierra region of the Western Cordillera.

Birthplace	Count	%
La Sierra	40	71.1
Outside of La Sierra	16	28.9
Missing	1	1.1
Total	57	100

¹⁴ Another explanation for the low proportion of the youth living in Mexico includes the fact that the oldest sons (sons) have migrated faster than the youngest siblings of the Western Cordillera. However, there is no evidence of ending consistently the migration into the borderlands has been much more recent.

¹⁵ Two other indicators, however, corroborate these arguments: both education and employment. The formation of the formal sector (education is military force) was established in the town of La Paz. Earlier reporting the success of the population in these fields.

¹⁶ The Cordillera, as explained earlier, divides the northern Chiriquí region and the southern Ecuadorian Republic. Two geographical aspects of the survey were really important to culturally and economically changes. The northern Chiriquí agricultural livelihood of the country generates greatly with the and southern livelihood. Nevertheless, there have been a significant low between the families and the Chiriquí and

export being processed domestically by traditional trade that concerns the Caribbean and, at some point, that leads to internal and/or external trade. For example, when the southern provinces of China establish during the reign of the founder, ruler-bushmen would frequently receive the merchandise and then produce it for each region and in the majority cases within itself.

The same phenomenon of dynamic trade is well represented within the Western Hemisphere and was probably extremely important for the economies of the region. The ancient trade network is located in the Atlantic Ocean, the importance is for the role of the southern provinces of the New World in the region, although in the past the phenomenon appears to have been much less pronounced. No region has been found that dominates the historical economy and would be between these two regions (La Brea and others) that transport or control of the economic trade.

In more recent years, a trade of economic trade region has characterized the internal regulatory movement of populations surrounding the region, but the 15th century region (the south of the south region) has been much more pronounced within the area of the Pacific than in the Western Hemisphere.

CHAPTER 3 COWS, Pigs, AND PICKET FENCES: RUST LIFE IN THE CORKILLERA

Introduction

Whereas the preceding chapter discussed the physical stage on which human life has unfolded in the Cordillera, the present chapter will describe, at broad strokes, the overall contours of the adaptations that emerged in earlier generations. The chapter will then provide a description of the livelihoods of the Cordilleran peasants during the 1930s and early 1940s, a period that others consistently look back upon as a kind of “Golden Age.”¹ I will present the picture through the lenses of elderly respondents from the region who recall those times.² These descriptions paint the picture of a time in which the peasants remained relatively unharmed by the State. The agrarian system of the time was based on unexploited access to land and forest resources and gave edge to an economy based primarily on production for subsistence. Even when crops were sold on the local market, the objective was to obtain access to most basic household expenses. Elders look back on those periods as being years of prosperity. The information presented in this chapter is a reconstruction of the past peasant adaptive practices based on interviews with community elders, on native ethnographies, and on data drawn from primary and secondary historical resources.

María García: The Good Old Days

Salas María García, or more appropriately, using the respectful title reserved for the Cordillera for men of accomplishments, “Don” Manuel García, is an 83-year old elder

of the consistency of Las Flores. He wears thick glasses and clearly knows the forest without a map before polished on his head. The look of half of his upper and lower teeth means his lips to collapse into his mouth, giving his weathered face an open-mouth quality that his lifetime of hard physical work has earned him well. Don Martin is kind of saying that his grey body is still like that of a child, and he will always himself easily into the look of a man or takes up steep paths in the hills of the community.

Don Martin is an *atachachano*, a title of a man whose a different kind of peasant economy predominated in Las Flores, a time before the park was established and strict forestry laws were enacted. He is locally renowned for his vast memory and he still talks about the old life in the Cordillera. He is also renowned for his stubborn attachment to the land and what are considered to be old values of campesino values. Martin proudly states that after the government created Armando Bermúdez National Park and declared it off limits to peasants, he was the last to leave La Loma, a now abandoned village that was located deep in the heart of the Park, a 12 km walk from Las Flores. He left La Loma in 1990, only, as he states with pride: "after paying 10 lines to the State."¹

Martin was born in 1917 and raised in a large village in the eastern part of the Sierra. He married three times (in the ecological commercial union style that was the dominant marital mode in times past). His first union was at the age of 15, when he set up residence with his first wife. This was during the rule of the dictator Rafael Ángelín Trujillo, when a vagrancy law called the *Ley de los Diez Terceros* (Law of the Ten Thirds) was strictly enforced, applying stiff penalties for campesinos who could not show that they were duly employed or actively farming 10 acres of land.² According to Martin, "Trujillo did not want to see any more that was the only good thing about him."

In 1946, on the recommendation of another companion who told him of the rich land available around the area of Las Pintas, Martín approached the local political boss, a man named Pico Escobedo.¹³ "I told him that I needed to work, that I had seven orphaned children to maintain out of my own, that I didn't want to have to ask, so he sent word to the local alcalde [owner of the piece] to have him give me 50 acres, and told him that when I finished with those 50 he should give me 50 more."¹⁴ Martín grows himself on having become known as *el valiente* – a hard-working man. He considers himself to have been wealthy and influential, a result of the productivity he achieved on his lands and his generosity to his neighbors. In his words: "I ended up working a total of over 600 acres [in La Cometa, currently within the park].¹⁵ Before the park was formed I ended it some of my own. I had maize to feed cattle. I had 12 head of pigs, hundreds of chickens, rabbits, goats. . . . I would give everyone wheat (from crops), because I was the biggest man up there."¹⁶

When talking to Don Martín, like many old companions of the Sierra, he speaks nostalgically of times when he could freely use the resources of the forest:

I would work where I wanted. I would cut down 20 acres and plant 20 cypress of beans and would get 25 cypress for each cypress I planted.¹⁷ I would plant beans, corn, plantains, and sweet potatoes. Two months later to buy corn, you wouldn't buy wheat because we produced all of that. I had soybeans, my chickens, my goats, my cows. None all of that has to be bought in town. All kinds of vegetables (vegetables): guava, banana, lettuce, yuca, cilantro, all of that can be grown in the Sierra.

When I came here, I found a *guacal* (arrozado) tree that the governing families planted. These plants are over 100 years old, but they are still making that hardy produce soybeans. I would wander on the mountains looking for final pigs, parrots and hens. I would give the parrots away at 50 centavos for a chick, and I would leave behind some workers in my fields. I would pay them 20 centavos a day, 10 of them, and I would go off looking for gold. And I would find gold and sell it and I wouldn't have to sell a pig or a quantity of coffee to pay the workers.

As Don Martin's memories suggest, in the past, free access to the lands and forest resources of the Cordillera provided diverse opportunities for subsistence. Martin's activities included agriculture, the raising of livestock, hunting and gathering, and even panning for gold. His source of subsistence and material wealth—measured primarily in terms of amount of land under production and the diversity of crops and animals available for consumption—was made possible by access to the rich and abundant resources of the area that was later to be taken from him by governments that, when it would be converted into Armando Herrera National Park, and Martin's way of life would be suddenly reimagined. But Martin's story here tells us of a time before parks and overly strict forestry laws when a vibrant peasant economy flourished in the lowlands of the Cordillera Central.

Early Peasant Economy

The economic autonomy of traditional life in the Cordillera was based on the self-sufficiency of the household, around which farming and domestic tasks were organized. The peasant household that prevailed during Don Martin's youth was organized according to the domestic needs of production. The household was the mechanism by which labor was allocated to produce the goods that would satisfy the material needs of its members. This is not to say that the campesinos of the Cordillera were purely subsistence farmers completely removed from the market. We will see that the market played an important role, even back in those "golden age" years. But households were much more self-sufficient, much less inclined to produce for the market and much less dependent on purchases from the market in that era than they are today.

Household Labor and Subsistence

The family household, consisting of the *hukin* (house) and the *guta* (yard), was the domain of women. Women processed food, cooked meals, retrieved water, washed clothes, cleaned the house, made and mended clothes, tended kitchen gardens and cared for small livestock such as poultry and goats. Female involvement in activities outside the house was very restricted primarily to participation in agricultural harvests. Women would work when their husbands organized a *guta*, a temporary labor party, and participate in cooking for *gutas* held by other households. The only income-generating activities available to rural women were petty commercial activities, such as sewing and making mats or other goods to sell, cooking, the harvesting of coffee and legumes, and at some occasions, panning for gold. During this period, according to informants, it was rare that women would work for cash in Los Rios.

Women had a fundamental reproductive role. With an average completed fertility rate of eight to nine children (chapter 14), women spent most of their reproductive years pregnant or nursing an infant. Women gave birth at their homes. Traditional midwives were their only medical attendants. Mothers and female cousins assisted young mothers in dealing with the burden of nursing infants and toddlers. As daughters reached the age of five and six, they assisted the mother in the raising of their younger brothers and sisters, taking over for the other female relatives, and maintaining the autonomy of the household. The more girls and young women present, the more viable the productive and reproductive capacity of the household.¹

The labor of children was a critical factor in traditional-subsistence production. Beginning at four or five years of age, both male and female children aided women in the completion of household chores. By seven-to-eight years of age males began to be

differentiated according to the sex of the child. Male children were expected to participate in agricultural labor, to work in the fields. By fifteen and later responsibility for herding extended. At harvest time, male children participated in the husking of the coffee beans, a tedious, time-consuming task involving the use of hand turned mills. Girls would fetch water, take food to the males in the coffee (plantation) garden, participate in the preparation of food, the husking of coffee, the cleaning of the house, and in helping their mother rear other children in the age when they would also begin to make contributions to the household labor pool. Girls helped during planting and at harvest time in the putting of coffee and other plants, but besides that only on times of dire need would girls be sent to work in the fields. In the words of one informant: "the work was too tough for them."

Campesino families were clearly patriarchal and male labor activities were oriented toward the world beyond the household. Men planted crops, gathered firewood, cut lumber, and raised large animals. Men were responsible for building and maintaining houses and fences. Although the vast majority of agricultural labor was labor-care at through household and reciprocal labor arrangements, men could earn small amount of cash by performing day jobs. Men dominated local political and administrative leadership roles too, unlike elsewhere in the Caribbean such as in neighboring Haiti, men did not women control regional trading. The dominant figure of Los Hornos was the millowner, Don Tiburo, who would purchase produce from farmers in the nearby hills and lead milk teams on long grazing trips across rough mountain trails to sell produce and purchase basic supplies for the mills.

Subsistence production

Despite the presence of such intermediaries, as Les Thiers the household sought to satisfy the majority of its needs through the processing of locally available resources and household labor. Tables of the period speak of a relative scarcity of material goods but they claim that there was always an abundance of *comestibles* (food). The diet consisted of crops produced in the estates, primarily of root crops and plants, which were eaten in the morning and the evening, as well as beans and split pea-greens without vegetables) used for the main meal. These and other grains and legumes were stored in granaries, large bins generally kept in the kitchen. Meat formed a frequent component of the main meal, and tables of the period speak ecologically about of the abundance of meat, particularly pork. The wide variety of foods produced in the fields was processed in the household: corn peas and beans were boiled, rice was processed in a mortar before being consumed and chickens had to be cooked and flambéed. Some farmers grew a small patch of tobacco for their own personal use. The farmers grew sugar cane and, in lots of processed sugar, make homemade-cane (syrup) or honey was used for cooking and to make sweets. The cane was processed in local, steam driven, factories (sugar mills). *Muscovado de cana* (p. 14) or candy was used for cooking in lots of processed vegetable oils. Various small-making homemade cheese from cow's milk as well as making of cheese bread-out of (pork sausage) (other sausage) grown in the estates. This was a refined process that involved pounding the boiled sausage into flour before baking it into the bread-slices. In the estates of modern noblemen, bread relied on folk knowledge using medicinal plants that women would grow in the yard or garden in the forest. Local specialists would prepare healthy, medicinal mixtures of herbs, roots,

houses and back striped in red and white, with different combinations painted to suit specific elements.

Houses and windows were constructed through the use of timber beams in the nearby forest. Depending on the region, hand-cutted boards of pine (*Pinus acrolepis*) or mangrove palm (*Phoenix acuminata*) were used to make beams for the frames and boards for walls.⁸ The narrow cracks between the boards were filled in with clay. Roofs were thatched with palm (palm leaves) or tobacco (hand-cutted palm frongles) with mats of paper (palm/leaf) being less common in the Cordillera than in other areas of the country. In Los Pinos as in most lowland communities of the Cordillera, water was plentiful and reasonably close to the homestead. It nevertheless had to be carried to the house and stored in *lagunas* and *botanas* (jubbubans or other gourds) or in bamboo earthenware jars that were kept in the kitchen and generally buried in dirt flaps to keep the water cool and fresh. Cups, bowls and bottles were also fashioned out of calabashes and gourds. Kitchen implements were produced out of wood obtained in the forest. Brooms were crafted out of sticks and grass or palm fronds. Beds were fashioned out of cloth covers stuffed with plantain leaves. Pillows (padding material) were carved crudely out of logs. Kitchen implements were being or made fashioned from sticks. Splinters of highly combustible resin-seeped pine called *molle de caoba* were gathered and used for lighting at night. Men and women would weave *mucunas* (mudle/bags) out of grass/palm leaves (*Clavellina integrans*) to use for the gathering and transporting of farm products. Many women would make clothes for the family, and elderly women would make handmade soap with *caoba* (palm resin). The clothes had to be washed in the stream or river and pressed in rocks to get them clean.

The market

As described above, the campesinos of the Cordillera depended largely on subsistence production and men like Don Martín measured their wealth largely in terms of access to subsistence goods, in particular the diversity of crops and animals available for household consumption. But it was not a life completely divorced from connections to the market. The campesino livelihoods bridged two distinct economic systems: a subsistence economy and a market economy (Murray 1976). But access to the market constituted difficulty, especially due to the difficulties in transporting goods to the local marketing centers. The campesinos lived, as Eric Wolf has said of peasant subsistence, "on the margins of the capitalist market" (Wolf 2004[1955],213).

Up until the 1970s, as subsistence production was oriented almost exclusively towards household consumption. Infante, for example, states: "The production of crops for sale on the coast is a fairly recent innovation in the Sierra dating from the late 1940s" (1976:115). Crops such as beans, rice and to a lesser extent corn (due to the distance) would be stored in the granary and most crops have the advantage that they can be left in the ground and, for all practical purposes, stored naturally. Cash came primarily from the sale of animals and the primary cash crop was coffee, although campesinos like Don Martín report also selling, at times, their surplus production of crops from the co-cacao, primarily banana and rice but also, at times, small quantities of coconuts (palm crops). By the 1980s, in some areas of the Cordillera, farmers planted pineapples and tobacco for the market, but the production of these crops never took hold in Los Patos. Many campesinos also report that they were able to make cash by selling small quantities of gold purchased on the local coast.

The cash obtained from these sales was used primarily to purchase items reported from abroad that had come to constitute part of the household's basic or strategic needs. Purchases were almost entirely focused on tools, such as machetes, hoes and picks, and other very basic goods including salt, spices, alcohol, matches, pots, stoves, candles, kerosene, and sewing needles. Locally produced clothing was also purchased at times. They would also purchase cornmeal, and at times used for planting, but fertilizers and other agricultural inputs were never used. Nevertheless, despite these connections to the market, the predominant emphasis was on household self-sufficiency. As one elderly farmer from Los Pinos explained, "we would go to the market instead of trading in the market, before we lived from agriculture now we live from money. Before, we could go down markets without finding any money. We measured less money."

Land Availability: Foundation of The Golden Age

Terrace Cultivation and Barrios del Finado

The golden age of the Cordillera was founded first and foremost on the abundance of land. Access to the land in the Cordillera was mediated by two primary mechanisms. In many cases, as communal properties called *terrenos comuneros* (communal lands) or simply *terrenos* and using the phrase *del outside* (State lands).

The *terrenos comuneros*, or communal lands system, predominated in the formal land-tenure system in the Dominican Republic until the early part of the twentieth century and still functioned in much of the Cordillera Central when Martín arrived in La Loma in the 1940s (Chavez 1975, San Miguel 1997). Under the *terrenos comuneros* system, many individual shareholders purchased the right to settle and farm on what remained a large parcel of land called by a legal title. The communal landholding was then referred to as a *finca* and the shares were referred to by different names: *porcos*, *acciones*,

1) *ganado menor* or *bestiaría*, if *corral*. Neither an *encomienda* of the properties nor a status of *resaca* private property was involved in the possession of shares. An elderly female informant from Los Portales used the buying into a common land holding through the purchase of *ganado* to purchasing the *sharecropper* or *rent-right to live* (That is to say that the purchase of a share provided the rights to establish oneself on a green-land holding and to use of all of the communal resources within the landholding—*ganado*, forest and water. The buying of *ganado* also included the right to establish *corrales* [subistence gardens] and to grow *maíz* or *el álamo*, *cañaveral* within the communal landholding.

State lands were simply those lands that did not have a recognized owner (Clement 1973: 114-115).¹² Due to the lack of an organized system to register land titles, the extent of State lands remained unknown until at least the middle of the 20th century.¹³ Furthermore, the weak Dominican state proved unable to control access to state lands, especially in the remote areas. The highlands of the Cordillera, until the Trujillo period, existed largely beyond the effective control of the State. Local communities claimed state lands to be *terrenos de nadie* (no-one's land), *"montañas"* (forest or literally "hunting area") or *terrenos baldíos* (empty land).¹⁴ These lands were settled based on the local recognition of property rights through occupation and use of the land.¹⁵ Most of the more developed settlements that existed within the *Reserva Biológica Nacional* Park were formed on State lands, and the settlements surrounding *Barahona* also were originally established on State lands.

Early on, the *campesinos* (wild pig hunters) freely settled in these unoccupied areas. Peasants used the mountains as a refuge from the increasing border conflicts or as an answer to the increasing scarcity of lands in lower areas of the Cordillera. As the

hunted populations grew. However, the federal government began to take steps to incorporate them within the administrative apparatus of the State. Local aboriginal polities were assigned to the weweches and began to register animals in State books in relatively close proximity to the weweches. During the long-life period the aboriginal polities tightly controlled their polities and monitored new settlers, as in the case of Deni Iliabio, who had to receive their authorization before settling on State lands within their polities.

Access to the public lands of the Confederation was absolutely central to the present way of life. These lands provided animal husbandry resources. In addition to providing fresh herding plots, the land were used as seasonal pasture lands, as sources of wood and other construction materials, as foraging areas for domesticated pigs (that were domesticated and turned loose) and as foraging grounds for feral pigs. The vast majority of land currently making up Barro Colorado and Barro Colorado Park fell outside of the original configurations. With the break up of the wewech holdings these pastures became increasingly important to the peasants as pasture lands and as a source of forest resources.

The Agro-Pastoral Complex

To understand the subsistence aspect that the expansion of a national polity was to have on the weweches, it is important to grasp the fundamental importance of the unimpeded access to land that characterized the pre-peasant (pre) system. The abundant availability of land allowed for unstructured patterns of traditional herding strategies, a mixed system of production that will be referred to as the agro-pastoral complex. The agro-pastoral complex was organized around the over-grazing of livestock associated with the propagation of weweches (gardens/lets).

As is one of the local tenure systems itself—that is, the system of *tenencia comunal*: the origins of the traditional agro-pastoral complex of the Cordillera can also be traced back to the Colonial-hate system. The basis was a largely self-sufficient estate on which the free grazing of livestock took precedence over the production of crops. Thus, the agro-pastoral complex that emerged in the Cordillera required the fencing in of sub-estancia plots to protect the crops from the animals, cattle, pigs and goats, that were free ranged. In this system in which livestock dominated, it was not the animals that had to be fenced in, but the crops.

The livestock provided farmers with valuable reserves in season of periods and of cash. The organization of livestock grazing followed a pattern similar to that of the colonial huts. The animals were branded (in the case of cattle) or ear numbered (in the case of pigs) and left, as the campesinos of the time put it, to graze "on el monte", the nine referring to the vast, open past forests in the community lands or in the State lands located in the lower Cordillera. For the better part of the year, cattle and pigs would freely range and feed themselves in the mountains.

In essence, the pasture constituted a *sierra-pastoral* system. The grasses under the pine trees and in the mountain meadows of the Cordillera provided good pasturage for cattle. In order to maximize the coverage of harvested pine needles and forest for emergence of fresh grasses, the campesinos would continually set fire to the forest. Early foresters and conservationists regarded these recurrent fires as one of the most serious threats to the conservation of the forest and, as early as the turn of the 20th century, recommended that the government take strict measures to curb the practice.¹²

The role and importance of paid cattle raising in the region is attested to by testimonies such as *Paseo del Condado* (Internally, Carlos Paz) and *El Bodeo*, among others

outings and as the annual cattle roundups that took place in the Cordillera to gather and sort the animals. The roundups, as recalled by participants from Los Peñas, occurred at least once a year and would last for two weeks or more. The time for rounding up and sorting the livestock was selected strategically, coming soon after the breeding season. The calves, which would be identified by owners due to the fact they would cling closely to their mothers, were herded for identification. When all of the animals had been rounded up, the ranchers would take inventory of their stock, take note of any missing animals and attend to sick animals. They would also select animals to be sold or butchered. Once these tasks were attended to, the animals would once again be released into the mountains to range unhindered.

These annual-cattle roundups also required strong social ties amongst the rancheros from across the Cordillera hinterlands. Cattle would frequently stray deeply into the forests far from the borders of their owners. During the roundups the cattlemen from across the Cordillera would have to work together to sort out the animals. The activity of herding lost cattle was called *volanteo*. Companies, both ranchers and local bands, would start high up in the mountains on foot, accompanied by their dogs, the ever-present companions of the companies in the mountains. From this starting point the cattle were progressively driven out of the forest. Information would be exchanged between cattlemen from different bands regarding the location of their animals, and often word would be sent from afar that one of the local animals had been found close to a distant border.

The extensive cattle ranching of the Cordillera was based on low population density, mutual trust and solidarity. Informants of the time report that the stealing of animals was rare, a marked contrast from areas closer to the Dominican-Haitian border

where cattle don't live) has been a historical source of major social conflict and tension between border populations.

The raising and hunting of pigs was called *mestizo* and was a traditional and important component of the adaptive strategy of the campesinos of the Cordillera that traces its roots back to the colonial period. Like cattle, "domesticated" pigs were maintained for identification and allowed to forage freely in the mountains. The pigs thrived on the forest on an abundant diet of plants and wild tubers, fruits, and seeds.⁸² Wild forest pigs also proliferated in the Cordillera. These were the progeny of pigs that migrated into the mountains early in the colonial period and could be identified by their distinctive characteristics, including their elongated snouts, their more sharp incisor teeth and the broad base of hair on their heads. In the 1940s, there were still mestizos in the Cordillera who specialized in the hunting of these pigs, often spending many days in the mountains with their packs of dogs accumulating wild pork to be consumed by the family or sold. Other campesinos also hunted forest pigs both for subsistence and for sport.

In the farming system of the plateau up of the Cordillera, traditional conditions prevailed. A multitude of different crops were interspersed throughout the garden. Don Mario's descriptions attest to the diversity of products that were produced within the structure of these subsistence gardens, including beans, starchy tubers (green potatoes and yams), root plants (sweet and sour yams) and taro root, squash (squash), wild rice, corn, plantains, and bananas. Coffee, the primary cash crop, was planted on a plot separate from the others.

In successful tropical montane systems, the production of natural gardens requires access to primary forest or to lands that have been followed for sufficient periods of time to allow for secondary forest to emerge. In the absence of access to such a deforested, the

use of "rojas" lands or long fallow periods ensures that lands will be sufficiently rich in nutrients to ensure a good harvest. The soils of the Cordillera Central are varied and complex. High, intermountain valleys, terraces and alluvial valleys contain relatively rich soils that prove more resistant to erosion. These are the preferred planting areas (Jaramana 1986). However, the majority of the region is characterized by a highly irregular topographic pattern and over time farmers have resorted to planting on hillside and steep-erosion slopes. The soils along the hills and slopes are commonly shallow, relatively poor in nutrients and when stripped of their natural forest cover are subject to rapid erosion, quickly reducing the productivity of the soil (JAAE 1987). For this reason, the tradition system employed in the Cordillera, as in other tropical areas, requires frequent movement from one garden plot to another in order to generate a productive harvest.

Preparing the land for the planting of a new terrace is called making a *tanda* (literally, a "felling") and was highly labor intensive. Informants of the project report that the making a new *tanda* was generally a seasonal activity for the vast majority of inhabitants of the region.²³ The word *tanda* was used to refer to the cleared land, which was not referred to as a terrace until the crops had been planted.

The first step that the farmer took in making a *tanda* was to identify a suitable plot of land. A path was then cleared around the land to be appropriated. Then the clearing process was initiated. The clearing process began with the clearing of the forest vegetation using a machete and concluded with the *tanda* (felling) phase involving the use of hatchets to cut down the larger trees. Two or more teams, usually working in groups of ten chopping simultaneously, would fell large trees. The better pieces of wood were separated and reserved to build the fences. Other wood and grasses

legumes like vander yucas, spread over the cottons and left to dry, generally for a month or more before *chicahua coahuila* (turning the later). Once the later was turned, the soil was distributed evenly throughout the fields to finish the soil in preparation for planting.

Two-crop cycles could be planted in a year and after the first year the degraded cottons was planted with normal crops (such as plantains and maize), generally, or high yielding grains such as yucaque (*Melinis acutiflorus*) for pasture. Don Martin described his system for raising land use:

Over the years, I made over-tilt cottons in the park, this was over a period of almost 30 years. I would make a terrace, and when I collected all of the harvest I would make another terrace; and would use the first either to plant coffee or pasture for the cows. I would plant bananas, coffee, or grain for pasture. When the first harvest was gone and beans, I would then plant rice, potato or plantains. With these, you would have to wait for a year or a year and a half. When that harvest was gathered, the field was already a *terrace* (full of overgrowth) and you would get the pigs or cows out of it. And then at last you would go back and repeat the process, when it would produce a little *terrace* (overgrowth). Then I would go back and stop and plant again, if it wasn't already planted with coffee or grain it would be at least three or four years before I would go back. I would leave some areas fenced for the cows or when I needed to make them or mark them, I would be able and use them as one of those areas that I kept.

The evolution system of the Cordillera Central involved two fundamental components with its function. The first was the use of fire in clear and fertilize the land—as the words of the leader 'on coahuila, no se puede trabajar' (without fire you can't work the soil). The second involved the building of strong, rigidly woven fences to protect the crops from entering animals.

Cordillera Fences Make Good Neighbors

The most laborious task of the agro-pastoral complex in the Cordillera was the building of the *capataches* (fences) that would enclose the cottons. Farmers had a right to freely graze animals in the zone. The preponderance of freely wandering livestock—

porcine, bovine, and caprine—made the fencing in of animals of critical importance in order to prevent the crops and to avoid animal conflict.

The building of a solid fence to protect crops from foraging animals was considered to be the responsibility of every farmer. If an animal entered a *camoteo*, the first thing that would take place would be a *camoteo* of the fence. If the fence was found to have flaws, or if the door had been left open, the responsibility would rest not with the owner of the animal but rather with the owner of the *camoteo*. That owner or animal entered a *camoteo* that was already constructed from the animal would obtain a *camoteo* for the field crops, making it more likely that the animal would continue its attempt to penetrate *camoteos*. For that reason, the builders of sturdy fences were looked down upon as bad neighbors.¹⁶

The *empalmeado* that was built to protect the garden plot was essentially a very solidly built picket fence.¹⁷ Wood that was used for the construction of the *empalmeado* was obtained from the timber immediately after the harvest. If this did not provide sufficient quantities of wood other sticks would have to be sought in the forest. The process was extremely laborious, as Don Martín describes:

You would lay down a rope in a straight line and split logs into sticks. Usually you would use *Casahuate de Sierra* (*Colubrium arborescens*), a stick that never splits. One would try to roughly cut the logs into pieces a foot or a foot and a half long. You would split the wood with a hatchet, and then you would put the piece (support beams) in vertically. Then you would stack the sticks very tightly within the posts, making sure that they were carefully aligned in a horizontal direction. You would start at the ground and make the fence high, so that neither deer nor peccary could jump it. And you would construct four *empalmeados*, one on each corner, so that it would completely surround the *camoteo*.

Agricultural Labor

The traditional agro-pastoral complex was labor intensive, involving the clearing and fencing of the lands and the construction of fences, as well as the maintenance of the

concoo—working for fixing all the beams and the working down of animals in the mountains. Capital requirements were low. All of these tasks were accomplished using locally found resources and simple technologies: hoes, machetes and machetes. Seeds for the planting of beans were generally reserved from the previous harvest and only purchased in cases of emergency such as crop failure.

The two primary sources of labor for accomplishing tasks were household labor, discussed earlier, and the use of members of the extended patrilineal family. As discussed above, household labor for agriculture primarily included the male members of the family. The strict sexual division of labor did not allow the women's participation in any tasks requiring the use of tools and the making of a toolbar was strictly a male endeavor. Women and young children, both males and females, would commonly participate in lighter work, the planting of seeds as well as in the harvest, in particular that of coffee and of legumes. On the other hand, male children would begin to be initiated into the field chores at an early age.

The means of mobilizing non-family labor primarily involved the use of cooperative labor groups, a practice that also has been reported as used in other areas of the Caribbean (Mitrani 1971). The use of cooperative labor groups provides a common alternative for mobilizing labor particularly amongst groups that are each poor. In the Dominican Republic, these labor groups are called *juntas* or *comunas*, depending on local custom.²⁰ Don Marín described the functioning of these work groups in Las Peñas,

There were thirty-five family houses in La Llaneta of Las Peñas, at the edge of Barahona, and we made a union. We would say that on Monday it is my junta, that we would go a month without returning to work on any source and we would go from junta to junta. We also started saving people from another nearby landless. I got together groups of up to 40 households joined one day. These were landless that were chopped little by little. You would fell a cluster of trees, and

them say 'lets they-they up' so that when one burned the others there were only small sticks to pick up- you didn't have to get your horses.

There were times when bad learned people would want one to help them and then, when it was their turn, they would say that they had to go to town, being crafty to get out of work that they owed.

In order to organize a *junta*, if you had a room or pig you would tell it, a *hacienda* to be more than a *junta* because if there were 40 or 50 people, you really had to eat more meat. The women would go to work, and of there were 40 men, 4 or 5 women would go. And the children, if the water was too many, would have to fetch water.¹¹

As Don Isidoro's description indicates, the organizing of a *junta* involved exchanging household labor, including that of the women and children of the household. Furthermore, the carrying out of a *junta* implied complying with fundamental moral obligations, the most important being the labor exchange and the other the ability to provide everyone working in the group with food—breakfast and lunch.

The use of the *junta* was limited to activities in which having done was more crucial. For example, the *junta* was used for land preparation (the tending and plowing), but rarely for harvesting due to the fact that the harvests come in at the same time and that having it crucial to avoid the rotting of the plants.¹²

Conclusion

In this chapter I have shown that life in the pre-1930 Cordillera was dominated by the domestic mode of production and emphasized subsistence. The first means to land and other resources of the mountains gave way to land of peasant affiliation. As one elder of the Cordillera stated: "One couldn't prop horses/ stable rooms (with fire and a little stick even the devil could eat). The agro-peasant complex was based on the production of a wide variety of crops and of livestock both for family subsistence and for sale in the market. For campesino families living in the isolated mountains of the Cordillera, the raising of livestock and the production of a wide variety of crops remained dependent on any one crop, opened out risk in the face of uncertainty, varied nutrition,

and provided the campesinos with the flexibility necessary to maintain a degree of autonomy from the market. It will be shown in a later chapter that even such an *Encomienda* struggled to keep out this way of life in the face of increasing opposition from the State. But before concluding it might be important to emphasize that, notwithstanding the semi-subsistence economy may have provided well, but it was not easy to ring. While moving along about the plenitude of yesterday's elderly informants have not forgotten the hardship. In the words of Escobar, a 68-year-old woman from Los Pinos:

I remember that in 1940, we didn't have a school, we didn't have a church, we didn't have a cemetery... In those years there was plenty of food, root crops, beans, rice, cornmeal from the forest... that it took a lot of work to get it. One could kill an animal, but it took a lot of work to get it because one had to track it down. Our house had a dirt floor... it was full of papermoss (moss), flies and mosquitoes. Life was difficult. You know we slept on hammocks only... I was a life as if the independent people had just left, and the Spaniards had just arrived.

Whatever the case, by the early 1950s the 'Golden Age' of the *Encomienda* period was coming to an end. Anthropologist Gerald Murney, who spent a year living in the region during the late 1960s, said it best:

In the early 1950s Trujillo... who was then heading toward the summit of his eventual economic power, sold hunting rights to the poor trees to a foreign-based Company, and forbade the clearing of more land... He also established a Parque Nacional, a forest preserve which included much of the higher reaches of Monte Albarán... there the altitude where pine trees were common, and therefore one of permanent cropping land was also closed to the campesinos... The population movement was broken at its source... From the 1950s on the population began building back out of the hills... The golden age of Monte Albarán, defined almost exclusively by the older women, had passed. (1970 43)

As Murney noted, the State's appropriation of forest resources – both through the conservation of forested areas for the lumber companies and national park formation for urban interests – signified the end of the 'Golden Age'. The tension and nature of the national debate of the primacy of the *Encomienda* in the topics of the following chapters.

Notes

¹ It should be mentioned that in the description I have already written, a comparison of the Boma region of the western Cordillera, in the surroundings of Barro Colorado National Park. An illustration in chapter 7, the comparison being along the eastern border of Boma. (Humboldt's expedition was a mere exposure of interior vegetation from the agricultural valley of Chiriquí into the nearby highlands. These populations are of much more recent origin than those surrounding Barro Colorado. There can still be only a weak opinion on this chapter but will be elaborated further in the chapters that follow.

² A *lance* is a Dominican land measurement the equivalent of 1334 acres or 542 hectares. There are 140 *lances* in a *caballería*.

³ This illustration on the existence of a historical figure from the Tugalo period. I have not used pseudonyms for historical figures because in the descriptions, unless doing so would risk revealing the identity of a living informant.

⁴ Maria was referring to having visited 100 acres over a time span of approximately 40 years and not that he farms 1000 acres or any one year. This would mean that there was farming an average of approximately 10 hectares a year of new lands for production.

⁵ This is the way that Maria's statement unfolded, which is a suggestion of the impact of the slavers in Boma: "But when the American Barro Colorado Park was first formed, the progress that I had made was almost lost. That is why when Tugalo gave me for that time was 2400 pesos. With that I bought a small piece of land, and was forced to buy other pieces of lands from when my slaves (and wife, as the lady) were selling."

⁶ It could be said Maria is lost, and it is unclear whether most independently for her. Maria (1970) reported an average of 10 pounds of beans per acre.

⁷ The women and younger children would contribute to the tending of the new grown ricefields after working in local systems, after young children's parents were required to labour within the household for 40 days before being allowed to go beyond the limits of the household. During this period, other women from the family would be required to assist in the ricefields in return, receiving traditional and economic gifts for the provision of their labour force.

⁸ Both of these villages are modern in the state of Chapala.

⁹ In the Dominican Republic, Cigarral police reported "all land was owned either by the state, by private citizens, or by the Church. Private land-owning groups are farm cooperatives, schools, rural commercial bank, and rural non-commercial bank. The first is that ... as far as the newly established republic have generally few many land for rice growth, because of the constant attacks when the private landowners between rural commercial banks and rural banks had been from destroyed. Others is clearly the other national legal situation notwithstanding by the difficulties involved in the purchasing of rural commercial bank. Because, as some privately own an individual rice, was isolated and cannot be made through only commercial and general other independence, isolated and spread in 1911 and isolated again by the American Military Government of Occupation in 1912" (1914 8.2).

¹⁰ Again, according to Chiriquí, who has visited one of the most comprehensive historical accounts on the topic of land in the Dominican Republic: "By 1900-approximately 20% of the lands, primarily owned land, especially that under cultivation, had been surveyed. Access to economically vulnerable public lands remained unregulated, leaving by 1910 almost no potential Dominican army or navy" (1971 191-192).

¹¹ That we get to be confused with such facts, which were historical facts that were not made for the economic stage of settlement (Chiriquí 1971; Gargón 1998). According to Chiriquí the Spanish/Creole

increase sometimes in response to increased pressure with Finance. I believe that negative results will be clearly identified through more press coverage. However, as far I have not been able to identify a clear regional pattern that would explain a preference for usage of online services in parts.

¹² The other primary form of accessing non-farm labor was through hiring workers. Although informants reported more paying for agricultural inputs, others report that money was scarce and they would generally attempt to substitute labor using other means.

CHAPTER 4 STATE CONTROL AND PEASANTS DURING THE TRUJILLO ERA

Introduction

The present chapter begins the description of the forces that shaped State policies in the Dominican Republic. These policies, in turn, drove the traditional way of peasant life in the Dominican out of a golden age, as described in the previous chapter, and established the early conditions for the ongoing decline of the traditional peasantry that would occur in the post-Trujillo period. The chapter begins with a discussion of rising State control during the Trujillo era. Over a period of thirty years, every corner of the country was brought under the direct control of the regime. Trujillo brought a change in the structural conditions of life in this study area particularly with regard to the distribution of land access to land, a development that would set the stage for the unraveling of the peasant economy in the years subsequent to the dictator's death in 1961.

Pre-Trujillo Period: Brief Historical Background

Inconstant warfare during the 19th century left the Dominican Republic politically fragmented and the country's infrastructure in ruins. According to Ben Hagedorn (1999: 133-34, note 10), "It is inappropriate to think of the existence of a State power that exercised a direct control over the totality of the territory and of the Dominican population. The control was most precarious and fragile." The American occupation of 1914, as well as the network of roads and the effectively centralized Trujillo dictatorship that would emerge from that occupation, were of course antecedent of a three-decade of the 19th century. Continued State control over rural areas remained undermined by the

absence of centralised communication networks and ongoing disputes between regional caudillos. The weakness of the State was evident in frequent revolutions and failed attempts to systematically land reform and transform the agrarian structure. In rural areas the role of the dominant State was largely characterised by the requisitioning of goods and the recruitment of rural inhabitants to fight in military campaigns (San Miguel 1999a). The traditional peasant adaptation to the Cordillera began to flourish during these 19th century decades. It can be understood as a response to the absence of centralised State control as campesinos in the lowlands turned over the mountains to avoid forced conscriptions and political turmoil.

The transformation of peasant lifeways was no longer in the lowlands as the heartland of the country during the latter part of the 19th century. Backed by foreign capital and allied with the State, the sugar interests were able to progressively dispossess small farmers of their lands through both through purchase and through manipulating the breaking-up of the tenement community (Chavez 1973, Davis 1983). Similarly, in the Cileco, the expansion of export-oriented agriculture involving tobacco and cacao and the accumulation of lands by urban based entrepreneurs stimulated the break up of the tenement community (San Miguel 1997). By the early part of the 20th century the agrarian political complex style of life in the lowlands began to give way as peasants' field cultivation oriented toward the production of cash crops destined for export (Kassam 1988, Murry 1970).

The intensification of agriculture in the lowlands in the northwestern Cileco led to further expansion of the population in the Cordillera as campesinos seeking lands for subsistence cropping moved progressively south into the mountains. With the expansion of the sugar plantation economy in the south and the intervention of the U.S. government,

into Dominican affairs of state, constitution began to change in the early 1900s. During the 1916-1924 U.S. military occupation of the country, State power entered a period of rapid expansion (a large part buttressed by a new national road network). The power of the state would reach new levels under the subsequent reign of Trujillo. The subjugation of the mountain peasantry through increasing State control over trade and the labor of the rural population was to become a major theme in the evolution of rural Dominican life. It is this very power of the State that would eventually lead to the decline of the peasant way of life that is the central theme of this study. The rest of this chapter will trace the rise of the State power during this period.

State-Control and Peasant Formation Under Trujillo (1930-1944)

When Trujillo came into power in 1930, the nation was undergoing a severe financial crisis. As the world at large was reeling into The Great Depression, the Dominican Republic experienced a drastic decline in traditional agricultural exports. Foreign-exchange reserves were and tax revenues plummeted. The costs of imports were high. The government teetered on the brink of bankruptcy.

The regime's strategy for surviving the crisis focused on achieving national self-sufficiency in the production of staples. At the time of Trujillo's accession to power, eighty-two percent of the national population was rural (1940-1944). Early in his regime, in the fashion of a nineteenth-century Latin American rural caudillo, Trujillo directed his efforts towards capturing peasant production, incorporating the mountain peasantry into the State economy. Trujillo sought to develop the infrastructure required for expansion of agricultural production (Irons 1994). He also launched a massive propaganda campaign reinforced by draconian mechanisms of institutional control.

Trujillo's *Partido Democrata* (Democratic Party) organized 'agro-political meetings and rural agricultural fairs called *Exposiciones Agrarias* (Civic Fairs)'. New hybrid seeds, ploughs, tools, and information regarding modern agricultural technologies were disseminated both in the fields and in the meetings. Competitions were held and prizes awarded for outstanding farm production. The events also provided the party with the opportunity to disseminate information regarding agricultural laws and to portray Trujillo as the *gran amigo del hombre de trabajo* (the true friend of the working man) and patron of the *Democracia Laboral*. Party speakers were expected to laud the achievements and personal characteristics of the dictator. The regime also set out to 'domesticate the previously rebellious Dominican peasantry,' a task accomplished by 'strict police vigilance, coercion and terror before the law' (Jaco 1994: 76, *italics mine*). There too, the *Partido Democrata* functioned as the primary institutional mechanism. Membership in the party became mandatory and the party (LD) called *La Piedad* along with the maintenance of order (J D) itself and a paper denormalizing competition with the draft was popularly known as the *Don Cejón* ('Don Him'), the conventional symbol of control during the Trujillo era.

Rural elites also preferred control by the military because feared foreigner estate responsibility was involved for rural populations, organized local labor groups, and estate compliance with the dictates of the regime.¹ Later, a rural police force was established to further control the activities of the rural population. Local level parties called the *Comités Provinciales de la Agricultura* (Provincial Committees for the Protection of Agriculture) were formed to enforce compliance with the agricultural and agrarian laws and to promote new farming technologies (Jaco 1994, Vargas 1992).

To expand the amount of land under production, the regime initiated a land distribution campaign and enacted legislation that established strict controls on internal migration. The state sought to increase its revenues by encouraging the production of export crops, which were then taxed. Non-participation in the state economy was not an option. The registry law called the *Ley de los Días Tráns* required all campesinos to demonstrate that they were economically active.¹ Male campesinos over the age of 18 and not publicly employed were required to farm at least 18 acres of land (approximately 2½ hectares). Those who did not comply with the law were subject to a monetary fine, the equivalent in labor or paid services. The Trujillo State also initiated a new style labor, which directly conscripted campesinos to work on the construction of roads and state owned irrigation works.

The ultimate result of the Trujillo regime's policies—the redistribution of lands, the suppression of internal population movements, and the application of registry laws—resulted in the expansion in absolute numbers of small holding peasants in the Cordillera and in the Dominican Republic during the Trujillo era. However, the policies also brought deleterious conditions of life in rural areas and established the structural conditions for the decline of the traditional peasant economy in the Cordillera in the years subsequent to Trujillo's reign.

Beginning of the Decline

The Trujillo regime initiated processes of State control that marked the beginning of the demise of the "traditional" style of life that Don Martín described in the 1930s and 1940s. This was a gradual process, as the new policies and development strategies of the Dominican State directed towards controlling peasant labor and production began to reach into the Cordillera mountains. Little by little, traditional communities were broken up

and new environmental laws were passed and enforced. Rural policies increasingly restricted peasant access to the vast mountain meadows upon which medieval agricultural and free ranging of livestock depended. As the state took on the regular task, centuries in the past agricultural production and in the present in the rural areas, the political economic class allied with the bourgeoisie used trusts of share and percentage ownership the common lands. These sectors favored by Trujillo launched their own economic projects, principally the grazing of livestock and exploitation of timber, processes that would lead to shared access to land, further integrate campesinos into a cash-based economy and initiate a massive degradation of the economic base upon which the peasants of the Cordillera depended for their livelihoods. Below the evolution of these factors will be discussed separately, beginning with land.

Access to Land

The breakup of the terrace commons

The terrace commons system, legacy of a colonial past in which most land was under collective control for purposes of free livestock grazing and long considered contrary to the modernization and rationalization of agricultural production (Clement 1971). Private ownership, guaranteeing the owner control over improvements to the land, was assumed to be essential to increased production by encouraging investment in such improvements as irrigation works and the planting of perennial crops such as coffee and citrus. In the latter part of the 19th and early part of the 20th century some of the partitioning of the terrace commons occurred naturally: the result of the agricultural intensification in lower lands of the Cusco and the rest (Gard 1993, San Miguel 1997). Furthermore, as numerous accounts from the early part of the 20th century, the Dominican federal government had taken measures to break up the common lands¹ in

1903 and 1905 legislation was passed to formalize the break-up of the *comunero* lands. But it was the *Ley de Registro de Tierras* (Land Registration Law)—a law the US-occupying government developed and enacted in 1920—that was to deal the final blow to the *comunero* ownership system in the Dominican Republic.

In the Cordillera Central, the dismantling of the *comunero*-ownership system was a slow and uneven process, taking place over a period of 50 years. The historian Miguel Cossío reported the break-up of *comunero* holdings in the western part of the Sierra region as early as 1878 (Tajada 1998). Furthermore, many of the *comunero* holdings surrounding Jarabacoa further east in the Cordillera, where settled agriculture through coffee farming began to become important in the early part of the century, were partitioned before the Taftian period (1900–1904). But for most of the Cordillera Central, the process began much later.⁴ The eastern municipality of San José de las Matas, located farther to the east, remained untroubled throughout the period of US Occupation (1904–1924) (Gonzalez 1990: 24). In the western part of the Cordillera, upon the *terceros* *comuneros* assumed ownership, subdivided, and reorganized until the late 1950s. In Las Plumas, community elders vividly remember that the process [the survey, partition, and registration of the *comunero* lands] took place in 1958–59 and was associated with the formation of Bernardo National Park.

The break-up of the *terceros* *comunero* was a dual process. In most cases the process was initiated by the state, as described above. But in some parts of the Cordillera, the change in the *terceros*-ownership system was initiated by locals responding to the introduction of a new system of production, namely settled agriculture in the form of coffee plantations.⁵ Gonzalez and Ponsa (1991: 180–1) report the case, for example, of a community called Juan Prieta, located in the study region, in which “a few

of the most prosperous agricultural families," contacted everyone in 1980 to divide the lands. These families had become increasingly interested in producing coffee and other cash crops for the market. In contrast, traditional cattle-ranching families were interested in obtaining open access to communal grazing lands and, either as protest or due to lack of financial means, refused pay for the surveying of these lands. Those families who contacted for the survey were able to establish a legal claim for larger tracts than those to which they were entitled, to the detriment of the poorer families. Grueszick and Pizarro reported that 60 years later racism still existed amongst the processing families of Juan Pablo. By the early 1980s the families that initiated the survey continued to refuse accounts large areas of land whereas the cattle-ranching families found themselves "landless or having too little land to sustain a plot" (Pizarro and Grueszick 1998: 106, 1).

But whether included by the State or protesting responding to new State promoted export opportunities (coffee production), the division of common holdings into privately held parcels represented a move against the traditional practices of freedom and free-ranging of livestock—the agro-pastoral complex, described earlier. Pizarro tells us the Condition was to be radically transformed.

Land distribution and agricultural reform

The early years of the Trujillo-dictatorship were also marked by large-scale land distribution. According to Chuata (1980), this land distribution campaign constituted a kind of agricultural reform aimed not to raise agricultural production by expanding the agricultural frontier to win the political support of the peasantry, and to consolidation around new politically sensitive areas along the border through the establishment of permanent populations of Dominicans.² In practice, the land distributions often involved

shifting campesino into ecologically marginal areas while, as mentioned before, better lands were concentrated in the hands of elites.

Agricultural colonies were formed in marginal lands located in the dry north and along the Hermanos Durruti border. Lands were also distributed in other areas of the country including the remote mountainous areas of the Cuzco. In 1935, more than 700,000 hectares were distributed amongst 8,627 farmers in the Santiago province, representing an average of 79 hectares per farmer. The majority of these lands—182,872 hectares (34.7%)—were located in the municipality San José de los Rios in the heart of the Cordillera. In 1946 another 118,181 hectares were distributed in the province of Santiago (20.2 hectares per farmer) (Roca 1994: 83–7).

By the end of the decade of the 30s, the process of distribution of lands in the Cordillera had decelerated considerably (San Miguel 1987: 365–7). Still, as San Miguel's case in La Libertad showed, land distribution continued on a smaller scale. Elites intervened as landowners in the Cordillera region that local political bosses would rather the elites to provide landless campesinos with State lands deep in the Cordillera where they could work in order to comply with the vagrancy law.

Accumulation of land by the Trujillo state

Trujillo and his cronies exploited the process of land division and redistribution to accumulate vast reserves of land for themselves. As Crumweller (1966) points out, Trujillo did not distinguish between his personal aggrandizement and the interests of the Dominican State. When Trujillo came into power in 1930 he immediately began to use authoritarian methods to personally monopolize key sectors of the Dominican economy. No potentially profitable opportunity slipped through his grasp. The dictator developed and monopolized urban markets by granting control over rural production,

Trujillo's passion was hunting, and early on he took steps to secure the best game lands in the country. Trujillo displaced campesinos from lands surrounding San Cristobal, close to the capital. He set up a most productive business, eventually monopolizing the provision of meat and milk to the population of the capital. The dictator also took an interest in agricultural production, buying up lands adjacent to proposed public irrigation projects. Early on, he accumulated the best rice lands in the provinces of Maria Trinita, San Juan, Valverde and San Juan de la Maguana and by the 1930s he took over sugar cane fields that fed the Cienfuegos, San Juan and Espinosa sugar factories (Crawford 1966). Crawford (1966) estimated that by the early 1930s Trujillo controlled a total of 1.3 million acres of "improved" land, a figure that did not include vast tracts of unimproved property. According to one estimate, Trujillo personally possessed approximately 60% of the country's best pastureslands (George 1988). At the time of Trujillo's death, the Dominican State confiscated an estimated 4 million acres of land from Trujillo's personal holdings as well as that of his family members and associates (Charles 1993).

But the concentration of the best lands in the hands of Trujillo and his political gradually had a negative impact on the campesino economy at the same time that it created conditions for the degradation of existing forest. In order to obtain land, large numbers of peasants moved into ecologically marginal areas in search of inferior quality and highly susceptible to rapid degradation. As will be described later, through land expropriation by landless campesinos and the formation of national parks, even access to the marginal lands along the so-called agricultural frontier in the Cordillera began to be progressively restricted to the peasants in the late and post-Trujillo period.⁷

Timber and land during the Trujillo era

In the early years of the Dictatorship the presents of the various units of the Caudillos were spared from the direct threat of Trujillo's voracious appetite for land. The began to change in the early 1940s. In 1939 Trujillo hired the Puerto Rican forestry specialist Carlos E. Chaudin to evaluate the country's timber resources. Chaudin reported an estimated 7380km² of exploitable pine valued at \$43,286,000 pesos constituting the most valuable of the country's harvestable tree reserves. The majority of these trees were concentrated in the Cordillera Central (3000km²) with a smaller area (300km²) in the Sierra de Bahoruco in the southeast (Montana, 1988).¹

In the case of Chaudin's study, only small-scale timber operations related to the Cordillera (appendix A). After the report Trujillo began to intensify previous landgrabbing. New timber mills sprung up throughout the region, and Trujillo, family members, front men and sympathisers actively accumulated vast amounts of forested land. Forest and rubbers were involved in many of the land acquisitions (San-Miguel, 1993:264). Trujillo himself and family members became actively involved in the building of roads and the establishment of mills. Trujillo also used timber connections to recruit economic supporters, especially those from the Cuban regime (Tallante, 1998).² Later in the regime, Trujillo appears to have become less directly involved in the operation of the mills: instead authorising the selling of his personal properties as well as concessions on forested state lands to companies or individuals.³ But he retained an economic interest in the industry by charging a tax on every felled tree.⁴

The increase in value of forest resources on the mountains lands created additional land grabbing opportunities. The lack of clear property limits meant that peasant shareholders interested in selling timber rights often disputed property boundaries with

their neighbors. In a social conflict, shareholders would often sell timber rights to the Santiago-based timber companies, dividing the profits among themselves (San Hilgud 1997: 203).¹² Lumber companies would take advantage of the lack of clearly defined property boundaries and cross the boundaries of their existing State concessions to cut pine on lands claimed by shareholders of a terrace community as they would use a concession as a commons: land to cross into State lands. Logging also resulted in evictions, as some companies were able to transform timber concessions into ownership of vast areas of land (Gallatin 1998:3). The loggers were often able to maintain control over the land even after they had finished harvesting the trees and whether or not they had title. When finished cutting the trees companies would often fence off the cleared lands and plant improved grasses for pasture, a de facto means of claiming ownership under the customary terrace rules and providing a basis for claiming a legal title through rights by prescription. The timber companies were usually powerful in the face of these activities carried out by licensed individuals within the regime.

Impact of the Capture of Land and Lumber on the Present Economy

Land redistribution, the hoarding of land by political elites, and the laws and practices associated with lumber operations had direct impacts on the peasantry. The lumber companies obtained exclusive control over vast areas of the Cordillera Central establishing what Vargas (1992) described as “forest islands.” In this way, the state monopolized present means to resources formerly freely accessible through customary use rights. The peasants were increasingly driven into more marginal lands located deeper within the Cordillera.

The lumber trade also introduced other changes in the local subsistence economy. The trade facilitated the increased incorporation of the campesinos into a cash based

economy. The lumber companies built roads throughout the Cordillera, linking mountain communities to previously remote regional marketing centers. The mills also provided employment opportunities by hiring locals to perform less specialized tasks such as the felling of trees. Salary of the elderly campesinos in Los Pinos and Los Pinos spent having worked temporarily with the lumber companies on this capacity, earning a wage based on the amount of timber that they would fell per day. This money would be used to purchase critical items, such as shoes, or to pay the rental fee required to obtain a vehicle (10 used).

The mills also created new market opportunities for local campesinos. *Alcayes* (labor camps) were established, and semi-skilled laborers brought in to operate the machinery and carry out specialized milling tasks. The *alcayes* expanded the local markets for traditional campesino handicrafts. The farmers of the region would not only sell their produce directly to the workers on the lumber mills but also to the company stores in exchange for vouchers. At the company store, the campesinos could then exchange the vouchers for imported foodstuffs and goods.

Conclusion

This chapter has begun to show how the emerging power of the State and the centralised enforcement of state policies impacted the peasants of the Cordillera. The policies of the Trujillo government, favoured the expansion of a centralising peasantry in the Dominican Republic. Land reform, agrarian laws, and taxation had impacts on specific parts of land and encouraged the production of cash crops both for sale in the domestic market and for export. However, the measures taken by the Trujillo State to capture peasant labor and peasant surplus also set the stage for the decline of the traditional peasant economy. At the same time that the peasantry was being subjugated

The legal transfer of the former *coronado* (crown) lands was a long-pending national plan to provide access to the newly formed Land Tribunal. The ability to purchase the lands would be subject either to the state or to the shareholders. In 1911 the Law of the Division of Coronado Lands specified that the shareholders themselves were to acquire the holdings of the lands, requiring the surveying and division of numerous lands by efficient techniques whereas crown co-owners asked for it. On the other hand, the 1916 Law regarding government agents to take more aggressive steps to reduce the lands up to the current level.

Using the concept of centralization and progress of the land, large lands were used from organized mechanisms to make ownership of corporate lands. According to Cordero (1992) all these laws provided simple access to the resources of the state and the improvement of the companies of these lands, making advantage of the fact that the majority of the land, would be the largest, and did not fully understand the production of the land. Furthermore, rather than realizing that would efficient support resources could more appropriate the private company to acquire the lands up of the lands and integrate larger portions. Consequently, in April (1915-1916) passed law, "the legislation that supported measures toward social differentiation within land ownership and had the following interests of some modern-oriented, rather than a social inequality of the subsistence economy primarily."

² Interviews with elderly informants about the region provide evidence that suggests that the current presence of the numerous lands measured in the measurement of the State, in the area closer to landowners and (small, not being improved, almost no or scarce labor). In the highlands of the State, in the lowlands of the municipalities of Misolahuila and San Juan de los Rios, the presence of the lands is small.

³ The process involved the original holdings of the numerous land system that occurred in the lowlands of their land valley. For example, when the land was given to the planning of tobacco as a company to the division of the nation in San Juan. With the change in the national market, agricultural land began to take on value and the economic management of land naturally and gradually grew up to achieve, primarily managed plant plant (Majed 1997).

⁴ The establishment of agricultural colonies began during the U.S. military occupation and was continued by the Trujillo regime. Between 1920 and 1931, approximately 40 such colonies were established involving the working of approximately 11,300 colonist families (estimated) and the types of land (the average of approximately 100 acres of land per family). Many of these settlements consisted of foreign immigrants called municipal units. The social impact of these settlements on increasing agricultural production during the period has been little studied (García 1989: 134).

⁵ See García (1989: 142) suggest that the concentration of landholdings under the Trujillo regime resulted in a continuation of the process of displacement of campesinos begun in the late 19th century by the North American sugar companies. The ultimate effect of this process included concentrating the landowner agrarian structure of the society and, individually and collectively, consolidating the expansion of the agricultural frontier that in the last days the displacement of the campesinos from rural areas began their own marginal areas. Wilfredo Lora (1995: 12) added that the concentration of lands related to the concentration of the rural landholders as well as the emergence of modern agricultural, campesino labor in rural and urban production in the 1930s expanded the process of landholding concentration into the Cienega and lowlands of the country (note that landholding was a type of land concentration as well as the values of the Cienega, although Lora does not mention this directly). Lora also suggest that during this period, the agricultural frontier continued to expand, but the process formed the larger rural capitalist structure in the region of the country, which controlled an increasingly smaller proportion of land. Throughout the 1930s the process became increasingly progressed and the number of landless peasants increased significantly. Lora stated that by the late 1930s and early 1940s the structural problems of the Dominican government or conditions made the new peasant structure of the peasant bourgeoisie a threat to the agricultural sector.

⁶ This was based on estimate of 12,000,000 tons of peas with a fertilizer quality peas from per hectare of the going rate of 140 pesos per peso. It should be noted that at the time the exchange rate for the Dominican peso was one peso with the U.S. dollar.

²⁹ One of the most notable of these mill-towns was Amoscook in Maine, which a collaboration of the region's mill-towns operated as a mill in Brunswick, as well as the Westbrook/Farmington mill close to the Maine/Vermont border. The previously mentioned Fols/Bradford mill operated in Maine until the late 1870s, when the rising values granted concessions on landings to local landowners, who then entered contracts to invest in raising the national supply chain to Maine, Massachusetts, and Wisconsin.

³⁰ Taking as an example the lands that currently comprise the nation of Banan National Park, one can see an example of how the private sector, initially chartered and utilizing (loggers' land), the state later sold the land to state landowner companies. The through-land-owners of these companies will be close to ownership within the park. The largest of these landowners, the Connecticut Lumber Company, claims over 1,000 hectares within the park and built a mill that I have seen others say that the purchase was made from Douglas himself in the 1850s.

³¹ The companies paid a fee based on the amount of timber that had been cut. Early on it was companies per hectare of land (which) although the fee increased greatly over time during the 1870s, as well as described in the next chapter.

³² They operated either wholly by local companies entered into the forest. (i) They purchased rights to the land (privately held someone's land). (ii) They paid the state for a concession to cut the woods of land as a joint area. (iii) They purchased and obtained a private land title to large areas of forested areas.

CHAPTER 5 TIMBER AND FORESTRY LAWS DURING THE TRUJILLO ERA

Introduction

In the previous chapter it was seen that peasants in the Cordillera and the Dominican Republic in general began to experience radical changes under the Trujillo State. State-sponsored land redistribution, expropriation by political elites of the most fertile pasture and irrigated agricultural lands, and the land grabbing practices of the lumber companies severely restricted the peasantry's access to land. The purpose of this chapter is to describe how the emergence and consolidation of conservation-oriented policies was paradoxically related to the same economic interests that had inspired the expropriation of land, interests typically thought of as antithetical to conservation. The chapter begins by describing the process of logging and then goes on to discuss early State forestry legislation and the different rules and regulations regarding access to forests based resources. In particular, these early conservation measures became directed not toward preserving the natural environment but toward 1) controlling the activities of the peasant population, 2) promoting the production of coffee and other export crops, and 3) facilitating access of the lumber companies to the forests.

Timber and Cutting Forest Logging

Whereas before the Trujillo era the exploitations of timber in the Cordillera depended largely on household-based production using simple technologies and manual labor (appendix A, Georges 1996, San Miguel 1997), during the Trujillo period

logging became an industrial enterprise carried out on a large scale. The mills were mainly operations called *sin floor* (literally translated as "without floor"). The companies opened roads into the forests using machines and bulldozers.¹ Labor gangs felled the trees using axes. In some areas only the choice timber was removed but other areas were completely cleared. The logs were dragged out of the forest by oxen, loaded onto tractors pulled carts, and loaded to the railcars. Six-wheel diesel-powered tractors closed these six boards. The boards were then loaded onto trucks and transported to Santiago to be dried and milled (Gonzalez 1989; CIA 1967).

Only the most remote hamlets in the highest regions of the Cordillera Central were unsaturated by the lumber mills. For example, between 1943 and 1959, in the region currently covered by Barro Colorado Park, one of the most remote and inaccessible regions of the Cordillera, there were at least 15 mills (Table 5-1)—approximately one mill for every 30 km².

Table 5.1. Lumber mills established in the area of Barro Colorado Park, 1943-59

Company or Owner	Area of Operation	Year
Azules de Yela Nuevo (2)	Los Yalacitos	1943
Cia. de Exploración Miel	Cadizero (Rancho Ariles)	1943
J. Armando Hernández	Monte Llano (Crucesmelo)	1946
Jorge Antonio Renter	El Cerezo	1951
José Félix González	El Monte	1951
José Manuel Barrios	La Sierra	1951
Talón A. de León	La Sierra	1951
Vicente Manuel Hernández	El Castillo	1951
José A. Reyes Yorgio	La Lanchilla	1957
Talón A. de León (2)	Punta Pango	1957
Vicente Santiago Infante	San Felipe	1957
Andrés Infante (2)	Nimá	1958
José Roberto Kofie	Kahoon Kofie	1958
Diego Panguana	El Camale	1959
José Antonio García	Punta Rojo	1959

Source of Data: Marjano (1996)

Early Forestry Legislation

During the Trujillo period (1930–1961) approximately 32 laws, 3 decrees, 4 resolutions, and 5 resolutions were passed to regulate the extraction of forest resources. Seven laws were also passed to create protected areas in the form of forest reserves or national parks (appendix B).

The *Ministerio de Agricultura* was the government organization officially in charge of Dominican forestry regulation. At the local level, the laws were enforced by the *guardabosques*, the forestry guards. The forestry guard service was first established as the *guarda campestre* (rural guard) service in 1907 and replaced in 1909 by the *corpo de Policía Guardia Bosque* (Forestry Guard Police Corps, Law 641-1904). This police corps remained in place until the mid 1950s, when along with protected area designation, the *guardabosques* were replaced by the Forestry Police Corps a more representative forestry police service (chapter 6).

The 1904 law specified that the forest guards were to be assigned districts and to make monthly rounds to guarantee compliance with the hunting, fishing, and forestry laws. In practice, however, the forest guards during the Trujillo regime were used to conserve the stands of valuable timber for the lumber companies, progressively denying peasants their customary access to forest products and better lands. Elders at the *Comités* often bitterly remember the fact that guards generally enforced the forestry laws against small peasants and ignored the ongoing deforestation being wrought by the mills.

Forestry Laws and the Lumber Companies

In 1942 Law 1488 entitled “On Forest Concessions and Free Trees” promulgated measures ostensibly designed to limit the ecological impact of the activities of both forestry and lumber companies.¹ Areas declared to be off-limits to clearing, cutting,

burning and planting included the removal of all resources, a thirty-meter-wide strip of forest along both banks of all rivers, and a two-meter strip along the banks of streams.¹ The law also required that a forested area with a value of 1.50 avaras be maintained around the headwaters of rivers, streams and springs as well as a 20-meter-wide forest buffer around lakes and lagoons.² The law prohibited the cutting of trees along public paths unless the trees represented a danger to the integrity of the path. Other articles of the law mandated that lumber companies take remedial steps after felling an area of timber. Article 7, for example, prohibited the cutting of precious woods—e.g., *caño* (*Simarouba makuensis*), *salice* (*Chrysopsis gracilis*), *capillo* (*Zanthoxylum barua*), *elena* (*Chrysopsis revoluta*), *elena verde* (*Myrsine pilosella*), *caño* (*Andinia salicoides*), *aliso* (*Catalpa Longimanus* Jacq.), *copa* (*Ficus domingensis* Jacq.), *negal* (*Agave americana*), *granillo* (*Manisotus bicolor*)—without replacing it at a proportion of 20 to 1. Furthermore, in theory, only trees whose trunks still show a specified diameter could be cut (Reglamento 22-36 and 2291-33).

While intensity passed to moderate the impact of the lumber companies, other laws pertaining to forests seemed vaguely designed to accommodate rather than control logging. For example, scientific standards tend to begin to consider slopes over 20 degrees as high erosion risk, yet the law permitted slopes up to 45 degrees to be transformed from forest into cultivated or pasture lands (i.e., logged).³

Forestry Laws and Payments

The incidents of the forestry laws passed during the 1940s and 1950s were clearly laid out as interventions, yet in fact ended up keeping payments away from valuable stands of timber that would be exploited by the state. Cutting precious woods was prohibited for "any other purpose in which durability does not compensate for the

destruction of the trees,⁶² which effectively eliminated the cutting of valuable trees for industrial purposes, such use is frowned on the making of charcoal and firewood. The extraction of forest subproducts such as rubber, resins, essential oils, fruits, cuttings or any other forest subproducts through which the activity "could result in permanent damage to the forest" was prohibited without a permit issued by the Secretariat of Agriculture (SINAG 1945:214).

In 1943 regulations to law 1488 technically required that a permit be obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture for the felling of all trees.⁶³ Obtaining a permit was a simple administrative task for an urban-based logging company employing accountants and lawyers, but difficult for licensee peasants living in the remote mountains. In the case of private or communal lands, the holders of a permit had to either demonstrate they were the proprietors of the land upon which the trees were to be cut or they had to present a notarized authorization from the legal proprietors. According to the law in the case of the felling of trees on State lands the holders were required to produce a legally obtained and currently valid concession to the timber issued by the State. Peasants did not get large timber concessions.

Law 1746-48 required that the clearing of all lands for planting be authorized by the Ministry of Agriculture, meaning that peasants now needed permission from the State to clear areas even to plant a traditional garden plot, the basis of peasant livelihood. In the quest to generate State revenues via agricultural export substitution and increased export crop production, Law 1488-48 prohibited the cutting of coffee, fruit and palm trees.⁶⁴ These trees could be cut only under very specific circumstances, such as when the trees were dangerously old or diseased. The penalties for cutting coffee or cacao ranged from a fine of 100 to 2000 pesos and 3 months to 3 years of imprisonment.

Enforcement of the Forestry Laws

More important than even the law favouring the lumber companies was discrimination in the application of the law. Lumber companies reportedly did as they pleased. Lands were clear-cut, trees leveled with no regard for trunk size, and replanting seldom occurred.⁴ Part of the reason laws were not enforced against the lumber companies lay in the fact that mill owners were friends and/or close associates of Tripple, people who were hardly intimidated by law. Typically, however, forestry guards indeed strictly enforce laws, but in the areas in which they supervised mill owners, who in complete control, they were the *contrabando* (authorities).

Another reason for the privileged position of the mills and the lack of enforcement lies in its weak tax revenues. Milling operations in this period generated significant government revenue, a good deal of which was appropriated directly by Tripple or family members such as brother Fries.⁵ In 1917 a company tax was established on every thousand square feet of wood produced by the mills. By 1934, this tax had been increased to an average of 111.2 00 per thousand square feet (Law No. 3985), and by 1938 a flat tax of 1% was charged on the profits of enterprises that exploited lumber (Law No. 3 591).⁶ Between 1933 and 1960, official figures cite that an average of 28.56 million square feet of lumber was produced in the country per year, producing annual purely revenues of 204 764 pesos, although it is likely that the amount was considerably higher taking into account the dubious record keeping of the state. Also important was the growing urban demand for cheap lumber by industries and construction companies in the growing urban areas. Indeed, many of the companies that reported the lumber produced in the Cordillera were controlled by Tripple himself.

While laws were not enforced against the logging companies, the same was not completely true for peasants. During the Trujillo dictatorship, the small farmers of the Cordillera were increasingly subject to the legal restrictions on the access to forest resources. However, as discussed in the previous chapter, taking into account the fact that the Trujillo regime also wanted to boost peasant production, particularly production of export crops such as cocoa and coffee, complete access by peasants to their lands and forest resources was not entirely cut off.¹¹ Companies retained access to tracts of a quality or species considered to lack commercial value that could be used to build fences required to protect gardens from free-ranging livestock. Companies of the era also report that they would not have to get a written permit but, rather just permission from shuffles and forestry guards in order to clear lands to establish a new estate. These authorities generally granted permission if there was no valuable timber on the lands identified for clearing. Informants also report that the authorities proved extremely flexible monitoring them to cut down better logs for animal needs, such as for the thing of a damaged house or to make coffins.¹²

In many areas of the Cordillera the traditional peasant economy, although under ever increasing pressure, continued to subsist along the margins of the lumber operations. In the latter part of the Trujillo dictatorship corporate agriculture often followed in the back of the mills. Prohibited from working on lands that contained stands of valuable timber, and progressively denied access to lands appropriated by the lumber companies, the companies would mistakenly assume on lands that the mills had already cleared. In the words of one informant:

Here the overabundance [mills] opened roads and killed the game, and we would kill the remaining forests for agriculture. We would work where the lumber mills

went. They would go in ahead and we would follow from behind. Because when there was dense woods (feliguete poblamiento) and gone the milis would tell us. And then, on these lands, we wouldn't be scared that we would have problems with the authorities, because the valuable wood was already gone.

Elderly peasants describe that elites and foresters would more easily provide permission to fell woods on marginal lands in which all valuable kinds of timber had been felled and then had been abandoned by the milis. Especially in the period before protected area formation was consolidated in the mid 1930s, in this way a kind of symbiotic relationship was established between the clearing of lands by the lumber milis and the continuation of resource-subsistence agriculture.¹³ The building of roads by the milis also facilitated the occupation of lands deeper in the heart of the Cordillera at a time that the land was becoming increasingly scarce due to concentration and natural population growth in the lower, more densely populated areas of the Cordillera.¹⁴ The milis cleared marginal lands of valuable timber that the laws were designed to protect. Encouraging occupationally peasants began to find lands lands on which to plant at the same time as further exposing these areas – many on steep slopes or higher watershed areas, to further environmental degradation.¹⁵

Conclusion

The State-sustained expansion of timber production in the Cordillera had a pervasive social and environmental impact on the region, especially in previously remote highland areas where the best stands of pine were to be found. As the Tiquila region consolidated its control over the rural areas, the felling of valuable timber by campesinos was increasingly penalized with imprisonment or worse fines. By the early 1930s the system of *guardabosques* (forestry guards) was replaced by a more expensive rural police force. The police controlled access to limited lands with the primary purpose of

protecting the valuable and useful stands of timber now reserved for the lumber mills.

Even more so than forestry laws, however, what stands have or even more a profound impact on the lives of the campesinos in the Cordillera was protected were *bonoseros*, as will be discussed in the following chapter.

Notes

¹ The contingency of the land possession made the case only for the Cordillera Central model of settled lands.

² The first version of the law had been passed in 1928. In 1934 it was replaced by an updated version and in 1941 was replaced by Law No. 1444.

³ Law 1444-41 provided that 30 acres formed the basic unit for the lands of *ejidos*. This was equally changed, however, as a discrepancy with crop in Law 1736-48.

⁴ According to the law, "valuation of these premises was possible by a fee of 10 to 20 pesos or one in thousands of pesos."

⁵ This step again put forward a general problem: "The availability of lands resulted several factors that determined the susceptibility of lands to "degradation and loss": including factors that "influence weather (drought), insects "infect diseases and parasites, and structural and human, vegetation, soil large and small surface factors" (Pérez 1987: 75).

⁶ During this period, the Government of Agriculture was officially known as the *Departamento de Fomento de Agricultura, Fomento y Colonización* after the merger of those of Agriculture, Livestock and Colonization. Throughout the Trujillo period, the name of the Department of Agriculture was modified numerous times as numerous different responsibilities. Nevertheless, the historical land rights-keeping power institutions were throughout the Trujillo period.

⁷ The only exception to this provision was regarding the research plots which campesinos continuously used as demonstration of their efforts.

⁸ According to the law that the enforcement of the law to update premises resulted in 30% of the area was given; furthermore, in addition was the frontier, between 1934 and 1943, the most implementation was completed in at least three separate laws or regulations, 144 (30-2-37), 1445-48, and 1470-50 (approx. 20).

⁹ For example, according to Law 1445-48, 30% of most collective lands were to be reserved for the cooperative members as forestry plots at the complete discretion of the Executive Power (Trujillo). This provision was modified in 1954 as noted below: "30% of the produced by the are controlled by the peasant has remains specialized for consumption and forestry plots, and other matters (any land) and may in be determined by the Executive Power" (García 1988: 108, note 10).

¹⁰ There were a number of exceptions to this law, too. For example, woodlots established for the construction of community health facilities that was only subject to the rate of 11 40 per thousand square feet and was applicable if the forest intended for exporting crops. Similarly, the output of the most precious woods required paying a higher rate (140-50 pesos per thousand ft²).

¹¹ Food (1982:122) points out an interesting consistency in the Tripple report's seemingly contradictory policies of decreasing small-scale peasant agriculture at the same time as increasing regulatory relations to producers at the municipality.

The Tripple report itself reveals two objectives in its policy toward small-scale and agricultural producers. On the one hand, stressed as keeping food prices low, ensuring small-scale agriculture, and some production to guarantee minimum level of food for every peasant family (in the short-term), the report stressed the importance of equalized relations of production in the municipality but still admitted that ideas for government self-employment projects. These apparently contradictory objectives could be better and temporarily better due to the rapid demographic growth in department and the abundance of available land.

In the next way, critical until the later years of the regime when government policies certainly due to push farmers, the Tripple commission appear to have contradictory relation a balance between ensuring equitable production and the minimum expenditure by the farmer while, at the same time, ensuring that competition would be important in the use of land in which they were settled.

¹² This is one of the chief complaints that campesinos make regarding current farmers – that they will not even provide permission to cut a tree when wood is needed to build a house.

¹³ This is a predominant major usage of what happens in Amazonas, where experienced farmers provide the highly capitalized peasant – taking in reports of the importance of lands which they, the peasants, subsequently appropriate.

¹⁴ The mills were considered to be the expansion of subsistence agriculture on lands that traditionally fell outside of those communities. For example, others in Los Yagui discuss the fact that the campesinos would allow just the mills permission to clear forested lands in their possession for in which they had no access to exchange for the way that land cleared. One cleared of valuable timber the Peasants' Council would no longer object to the clearing by campesinos of valuable lands – even and double for the establishment of reserves in lands that had been classified by the mills.

¹⁵ Upon the creation of peasant community associations Miguel Cordero, in 1970 a historian of Shuar, member of the Shuar Academy of Sciences, raised the contentious issue of the Desamortization Report and reported on the process of deforestation along plains in the coastal areas of the Cordillera within the study region. Shuarist observations provide interesting insight into the links between the social and ecological processes taking place in the Cordillera at the time and the view that the campesinos community remained in relation along the provincial urban the centers of the lumbering activities.

According to Shuarist, the destruction of native plant forest was taking place in three steps – with each corresponding to a particular aspect of forest change. In the beginning of time the lumber mills effectively cleared large areas of landscape using mechanical devices. The opening of new roads, into the forest opened the Cordillera toward many outsiders and therefore was particularly destructive. The production of these destructive activities is appreciated by the lumber mills and is supported by nearby indigenous people of the lands of past areas that frequently migrate. 2 years on with into into the forest, but have opened.

In the second phase, Shuarist charged that campesinos would move in and establish their plots in the same cleared in that way. According to Shuarist, these these plots were mainly established on "forest left around the roads and pieces of forest trees, in some places of 20 to 40 hectares." The third and final aspect of these plots negatively viewed by the lumber mills – stated that these forests will only be cleared for new urban farmers.

In the last and final step of the process, the lumber mills were considered to have cleared forest areas quickly located around with 4 hectares (approximately 10 acres) of forest (the last "clearing" forest established in the short-term forest due to the conditions provided for and required. According to Shuarist, the destruction in this space for forest regeneration, especially in mountainous areas, in that this type of forest is highly flammable in dry periods. In the near of a decade the large open grasslands quickly transfer the dry to the borders of the surrounding forest. Furthermore, according to Shuarist, the species of plants that create the canopy of past forest further strengthening the effects of forest

tion. This egg remains well after hatching that the seeds are germinated. But for this reason, when directly covering the ground, depends the development of natural seed/beds depending the germination of the germinated after the growing of a three day, without protecting the existence of flowers' beds are gradually not present (Depth 1.00-1.20 m to 1.50 m).

CHAPTER 4 CRIMES OF THE FOREST: CANELA AND THE CREATION OF PERNAMBUCO NATIONAL PARK

Introduction

The previous chapter showed that during the Tróvão period laws pertaining to the forest motivated legalists to extract previously uncontrolled peasant productive strategies. The State increasingly employed militarised forestry guards to control traditional competitive production activities. Clearing for coconut and the use of rubber required permission from legal authorities. Enforcement of the new laws was ostensibly meant to protect forest and the environment and to encourage production for export. The conservation motives of the State were, however, contradicted by the repression and steadily accelerated destruction of the forests by further companies, an industry controlled by Tróvão and his associates. These largely self-interested political elites used conservation laws and land distribution to facilitate a massive expropriation of land for their own use.

This chapter will demonstrate that the repression of the peasantry and the expropriation of vast areas of land led to corresponding ideological reactions. Early in the 1930s a nascent conservation movement emerged in the city of Ilhéus. While clearly interested in conserving the forests for legal reasons, primarily the conservation of wood, environmentalists and government officials also used 'conservation' as a justification for State intervention in rural peasant society and the centralisation of peasant activities. Peasant production strategies were portrayed as backward, inefficient,

and emotional. The peasants themselves were often described essentially as environmental protectionists with a “flawed understanding of the natural world” (Dooly 2004: 2).

Conservation ideology was constructed by the political class to facilitate the incorporation of their own environmentally motivated business interests, specifically logging, cattle ranching, and agricultural expansion. This is not to say that there were not other motives for conservation policies. For example, the international community increasingly pressured the Guatemalan government to set park reserves aside. But stereotypical images of indigenous campesino-productive strategies provided the ideological rationale for removing the peasants off of land and outlawing their subsistence practices. In the name of conservation large swathes of campesinos were displaced, indigenous peasant productive activities were criminalized, and vast areas of forest belatedly used by peasants in their quest for survival were legislated out of existence. By the end of the Tropical era, “conservation” dramatically altered peasant life in the Cordillera highlands.

In this chapter the formation of Armando Bermúdez National Park is used as a case study to illustrate the process by which park formation was used to further weed lands and forest resources from the peasants. The passage of four laws in the period from 1928-1936 ultimately resulted in the formation of Armando Bermúdez National Park in 1936. By 1938 with the creation of the José del Carmen Ramírez National Park, two extensive national parks covered the heart of the Cordillera. The circumstances surrounding the formation of Bermúdez shed light on the origins and evolution of the conservationist policies. As with the early forestry laws discussed in the previous chapter, formation of the parks and the more purely conservation-oriented policies

associated with their formation were conditioned by the special economic interests of the political elites, not least of all the border interests.

Park Formation – Armando Bermúdez National Park

In a recent work, Karl Jacoby points out that in the United States the conservation movement is best known for its “pantheon of conservation prophets”, figures such as John Muir, Theodore Roosevelt and Henry David Thoreau, who “laid the political and intellectual groundwork for the movement” (2008: 3-5). The Dominican Republic also has its pantheon of conservationist prophets and heroes, with two of the most important and influential being Dr. Miguel Carlos Llorens (1894-1977) and Dr. Juan B. Perea Rivas (1883-1961).

Carlos was a prominent medical doctor and influential Dominican citizen. He was born in the city of Santiago de los Caballeros but later established his home in the nearby smaller town of Salcedo. Described as an earnest and energetic by those who remember him, Carlos was also a kind of Renaissance man. In addition to being a doctor, he was a self-taught biologist, an astronomer, astronomer, nature writer and land surveyor who, when not exploring the mountains of the Central Cordillera, spent extended periods of time in Paris studying medicine (Zajdel 1994). Carlos maintained close connections to and was favored by Trujillo regime, receiving numerous government appointments during the 1940s and early 1950s, including a medicine professorship at the University of Santo Domingo and an appointment as a specialist in Hygiene and Zoonosis (*Director en Higiene y Zoonosis*) for the Ministry of Agriculture.

Perea, a prominent Santiago-based lawyer, was Carlos's indefatigable companion in many excursions in the mountains.¹ Together they explored the remote areas of the Cordillera and spent the better part of their lives lobbying for the preservation of the

Yaque del Norte River located in the heart of the Cifao Valley, within of the municipality of Santiago.

Table 5-1 Summary of stages and impact of the formation of Arembeo Bermúdez National Park

Stage	Years	Law(s)	Description	Impact on peasants
1	1919-1928	1883-28	The <i>Vereda del Yaque del Norte</i> was established on the eastern side of the Sierra region of the Cuchillas Central	40 peasant families were displaced from the area of the <i>Financiera</i> . All activities within the structure were restricted
2	1948-1958	1947-54	The <i>Reserva Arembeo Bermúdez</i> National Park was established on the western side of the Sierra	The protected area was established but the law appears to not have been strictly enforced
3	1960-1965	1961-64 4 (196-65)	An Integrated Natural Reserve covering a protected area linking the <i>Vereda del Yaque del Norte</i> and the <i>Arembeo Bermúdez</i> National Park, was formed	Law 1640-64 called for displacements of campesinos located and about 2000 on the territory of border campesinos. Law 1620-65 designated the environmental 1641. Six years after it was passed.
4	1966-1968	1965-66	The <i>Arembeo Bermúdez</i> National Park Forest Reserve replaced the Integrated Natural Reserve. The park permits up and down stream	Massive displacements of campesinos from the area of the park. Forest areas were created for the forest mafia in which agricultural activities are prohibited. Other lands closer to the park were declared coffee zones where traditional subsistence agriculture is restricted. Use of the park leads the growing, the hunting of birds, game by peasants and subsistence farming were prohibited. Tourism restaurants were divided. A new Forestry Police Corps was formed in 1968 and permits the law 1640-64.

Both of these men, but especially Cárdena, played a key role in early conservation and in the formation of Arembeo Bermúdez National Park. The formation of the park, in

involved five different previous stages that took 35 years (Table 4-3). The writings and reports of Cano and Pineda, traditional conservationists, were ultimately linked to the process of formation and provide key insights into conservation issues during the period. Their works also provide insight into the composition of an emerging conservation narrative that was used to engage the public as the subject of the environmental devastation of the Chiriquí, due to their backward production program, first setting the stage for the progressive establishment of traditional peasant interests.

Stage 1 | Formation of the Parque del Yaque del Norte (1919-1924)

The Acahualtí-Barrabás National Park was formed in four stages. The first stage of park formation took place in the early 1920s and coincides with the early establishment of irrigation in the Yaque River lowlands, mandated by the US Occupation government. Within a few short years after the establishment of the first small-scale irrigation systems in the Yaque Valley, the concept of irrigation rapidly gained popular acceptance and, by 1924, had become incorporated into the “political landscape” of Dominican political parties (Antonio 1988: 118).

It was during this same period—between 1919 and 1924, that Cano and Pineda carried out a series of expeditions in the Chiriquí and were sharing reports to the Santiago-Chamber of Commerce calling attention to the degradation of the forests at the headwaters of the Yaque del Norte River and along its banks.¹² The introduction to the second report by Cano and Pineda, submitted to the Chamber of Commerce in 1924, displayed the dramatic and urgent tone that characterized their writings:

Lack of foresight is frequently the cause of great wrongs for peoples as well as for individuals and we are provoked with the beautiful opportunity of providing an example of patriotic foresight, protecting the waters of the Yaque del Norte against the danger that ignorance and the indifference of the government and the indifference of the authorities have threatened them with. (Report of Pineda and

Canada to the Santiago Chamber of Commerce, May 27, 1934, reproduced in full in [Lapham 1994B] 69, note 1000.]

In the report Canada and Pérez agreed that the headwaters of the Yagup del Norte, the only source of irrigation water for the northwestern Chilean lowlands, were being threatened by the progressive penetration of peasants from both the north (Santiago province) and the south (La Vega region) into the mountains.⁵ They further reported that campesinos, in violation of existing laws and with the support of the shoulder-policemen of the army, had begun to establish colonies along the stream, using the very lands to farmers. Adopting the slogan *Yagup Dependiente, Protegemos los Nuevos* they recommended that the lands surrounding the key headwaters and tributaries of the Yagup be purchased and turned into a nature reserve.

The grave danger that threatens the Yagup del Norte is not — remain too immediate — is so important that we hurry to bring this project to a happy ending, because it is rather just, were not prudent that the agricultural future of Santiago and Moscovium should be abandoned to the whims of a few ignorant-campesinos and a few lazy politicians. [Lapham 1994B, note 1000.]

Canada offered to voluntarily conduct the survey to delimit the reserve. The initial estimate of the cost to purchase the lands and register (improvement rights) was \$352,000 pesos [US\$2000] — a relatively modest sum even for that time. In the report to the Chamber, Canada and Pérez also recommended taking measures to protect the watershed of northwestern Chile, which they asserted could also be carried out at a moderate cost through the purchase of shares in the extensive lands nearby using these shares to take possession of the forested areas close to the headwaters.⁶ By 1934 the US Occupation had ended and the Secretary of Agriculture and Irrigation had assumed charge of the Yagup reserve project, providing Canada and Pérez with a budget of \$2000 pesos to purchase the required resources (land shares) and pay for helpers to carry out the

final delineation of the estate. Working with a team of campesino guides they marked the boundaries by cutting a swath through the vegetation (Zagari 1991: 96-100).

The task of surveying complete Pérez and Cordero presented the Ministry of Agriculture with a two-part report. The first part of the report described the social processes of environmental degradation that they perceived as affecting the headwaters of the river. The activities of the peasants in the mountains were clearly responsible for the negative environmental aspects that Pérez and Cordero observed in the mountains (no forest trails had yet been established) and, as described below, Cordero later perceived to be an objective observer of the causes of environmental change in the Quech area. However... the language that they used in their report to describe the reasons for campesino activities reflects the stereotypical attitudes towards peasants that predominated amongst the elite sectors of Dominican society of the time—a historical and neo-progressive distrust of Dominican society that had to be transformed if the country was to advance. This kind of rhetoric towards the peasants was already increasingly common in the official discourse and was used to justify the passage of legislation that would progressively eliminate traditional forms of peasant production.¹²

For example, in the 1933 report Cordero and Pérez had proposed the penetration of agriculture into the highlands and the clearing of the forest along the upper banks of the Yaque and its tributaries as the primary threat to the watershed. In the 1936 report, they added forest fires to the equation of pending threats to the area. The persistence of forest fires has long been one of the primary frustrations for Dominican and foreign foresters and conservationists (Lynn 1964, Mortenson 1993). Whereas there is little doubt that the peasants were responsible for setting fires in the forest and that peasants were not environmentalists, the persistent image of the peasant arsonist is based on the notion that

the companies being a complete disregard for and misunderstanding of the use of fire. It will contribute one of the dominant images of the environmentally predatory present in the Dominican Republic. According to the 1926 report,

In some areas of the country, the means provided for setting fires to the fields is the need to burn the past meadows that accumulated on the ground, impeding the growth of grasses that serve as pasture for cattle. This means constant work, in the region of the headwaters of the Yaque because there aren't any animals grazing, neither cows, nor pigs nor horses. Nevertheless all of the fields there that surround the headwaters of the Yaque and its tributaries have been burned in the last 10 years. [Zaglat 1926:300-1, *with trans.*]

Canada and Pérez offered no practical explanation for the present use of fire. Instead

they fell back on stereotypical notions of the utter backwardness of the peasantry.¹²

The mestizo (consequently by preference a *hacero*) peasant who does not work the lands except from time to time to make *bohíos* (quickly abandoned cottages). It is not to be denied, therefore, that the mestizo is a threat to the forests where he lives, which they are evident in burn where they find the common weeds that they customarily remove blocked by brushland. It is easier to light a match than to chop a path with a machete.

The worker of wild honey is also an individual who is dangerous to the forests. In summer, he is shown to busy in the mountains and after he sets down the tree in which the beehive is located he has to proceed to cut the tree down. From there it goes, with almost total certainty, a fire. [Zaglat 1926:181, *with trans.*]

The alarming descriptions of the causes of the degradation of the Yaque

produced Canada and Pérez a argument that the headwaters and primary tributaries of the river were facing constant threats from predatory peasants. The peasants had to be removed through legal and economic action. The second part of the report provided a detailed description of the proposed laws of the reserve as well as the legal status of the lands. The final reserve would cover some 250,000 acres in the municipalities of Juncos, Júcaro and San Juan de los Ríos. An representative of the Secretariat during this period, Canada and Pérez also reached agreements with the shareholders of a number of terrace communities to acquire lands falling within the proposed reserve for the

symbolic value of the nation's patrimony.⁸ They only identified 52 individuals, however, who would have to be displaced from the proposed reserve, including 18 children residing in the area as orphan children (orphans) and 14 farmers with cultivated lands (subsistent) in the area. They proposed paying for the response of these individuals as compensation for their having to abandon the area. Caudanal Pérez do not report significant conflicts with the proprietors or residents of the area in the course of forming the reserve (Zajdel 1994: 161).

On the 27th of February, 1928, Caudal and Pérez's efforts culminated with Law No. 1811, President Horacio Vásquez declaring the founding of the *Parque del Yaque del Norte* (the Yaque del Norte Forest Reserve). The declaration marked the formation of the first national protected area in the Dominican Republic and ended the first stage of the formation of what would ultimately become Armando Bermúdez National Park. **Second Stage: The First Armando Bermúdez National Park**

After the formation of the *Parque del Yaque del Norte*, Caudal enrolled in the University of Paris, where he would acquire his doctoral degree in medicine. In his absence, costly steps were taken to modernize Dominican agricultural production. Between 1930 and 1950 the number of irrigated farms of land in the country went from 40,000 to 1,318,840 (Jain 1994: 124). During the same period, irrigation works were built throughout the northeastern Cibao all along the Yaque Valley from near Santiago to the west to the Yaque delta near Monte Cristi, using both the waters of the Yaque del Norte River as well as tributary streams (Jainman 1968: 116-120). Trujillo himself, as national leader, reorganized agricultural areas of irrigated land either through direct acquisition by landowners to the government of the nation, or a percentage of the land (generally 15%) is taken for the right-of-way use of the irrigation works. Some of the

lands that appropriated were redistributed in political territories; others were given to companies for the formation of agricultural colonies under the government rural colonization program. Seriously in the Tropics del Norte Tropics region granted the United Fruit Company concessions to establish a massive banana plantation violating the rights to indigenous under the Law of Forestal Domain all of the lands required to establish infrastructure, such as irrigation canals and roads (Pruett 1988).¹

But the dynamic himself initiated significant holdings of lands subject to proposed irrigation projects. To provide an idea of the amount of land Tropics granted for himself and friends, within a year of his inauguration, the State confiscated 503,419 acres in Santiago and 254,740 acres in Monte Cristi belonging to Tropics, family members, and close associates (Chomaz 1970 115, Greenwaller 1984).

As the negative environmental consequences of the regime's policies in the mountains became increasingly apparent and landless water became increasingly scarce and valuable, concerns grew over the deterioration of highland watersheds. Not only domestic pressures, but external interest also mounted as the international community began attention towards environmental conservation during this period. In 1961, the Dominican Republic joined the Pan American Union's Convention on Natural Protection and Wild Life Preservation in the Western Hemisphere. In 1948 the country signed the Convention that formed the World Conservation Union (IUCN). Both of these agreements called for countries to collaborate in the protection of endangered species and to take measures to form protected areas and natural reserves to protect outstanding scientific, scenic or historical examples of nature.

Returning from Paris in the early 1960s, Chomaz once again took to championing conservation in the Caribbean. In 1968 he was hired by the Dominican government to

conduct a detailed survey for the formation of a second protected area. Canada reports of the general decline in the peyote shrubs that had taken place as a result of the expansion of agriculture in the highlands. But more importantly, Canada expressed alarm at the impact of the lumber mills – in a 1949 memorandum directed to the Secretary of Agriculture, Canada described the “devastation” of the forests in the western Cordillera – an area located at close proximity to Don Martin’s La Loma.¹⁰ In his dramatic text, Canada wrote: “I have been able to verify standing clearings in the watersheds of the Amazon, El Dajon and Majes rivers, which seriously threaten the protection of the forests and species in this area” (English 1998:208, *with trace*.)

Canada’s concern from this point on demonstrates that he was a dedicated environmentalist and an honest observer of the forest indeed the deterioration of the Cordillera. In contrast to the premise that he reported in the 1930s to the primary threat to the landscapes of the Yapas, Canada now identified the lumber companies as the primary threat. Canada reported that the Exportal Lumber Company had cleared both State and private lands and was rapidly expanding its activities further into the interior of the Cordillera, clearing all lands including the banks of the rivers and streams:

The invasion of the State lands with potential preservation value – has begun like that of the logging areas/lands, they [the lumber mills] now follow the courses of the Amazon, Majes, Dajon rivers and their tributaries. For now, the damage is limited by large measures made in the past time for the purpose of ‘tapping’ the river, but the true objective is to burn that area in AET GO PROSECUTION to prepare the setting of those exact plots. This is the customary route. [English 1998:208, *with trace*.]

Canada notes that the company’s appetite for pine was so insatiable that it was sending out legions of workers armed with motorized handaxes to fell timber growing on steep slopes. The well-filled gull along the banks of rivers, streams and springs is evidence of

the law “with little regard for the consequences.” The wildlife of the park also took on a secondary importance:

The primitive hunting system in the case of game damage. Nevertheless, one must recognize that these [compartes], although of a traditional character, are slow [The environmental impact] can take decades. But [the damage] occasioned by the hunter and in the region have to be corrected, not in years, but in days. (Zajdel 1988:308, with trans.)

Whereas the hunter walls carried out their activities with complete impunity, Cárdena stated that “the forest guards (guardabosques) and other functionaries COCOT” control the small income damage, but NOT the considerable and massive destruction produced by the cutting of wood in these reserves.” Cárdena also pointed out that the wall was creating enormous lands owned by the campesinos. Nevertheless, he observed that, “the [campesinos] have not presented [the accounts of their lands], due to laziness, timidity or for some other reason” (Zajdel 1988:308-9, with trans.).

Cárdena’s reports and informal surveys during this period became the basis for the formation of a second protected area. Law No. 1300 of 1953 declared the formation of a national park and hunting reserve to protect the wilderness of the Azuero, Mico and Guayabito rivers located in the western part of the Sierra (Cárdena 1981). On Cárdena’s recommendation, the park was (eventually) named after Amador Bermúdez, one of the most influential damage-based hunter wall owners, a homage to “the moral support he provided in the project” and for donating land to the park (Zajdel 1988). Activities in the protected within the limits of the park included the “hunting, collecting, catching, pulling out, burning and tapping trees and plants, poisoning, poisoning, poisoning, capturing, and hunting any species of wild animals or destroying the eggs and nests of wild birds in the park, and extensions, the creation of cutlines or subdivisions, the extraction of minerals or any other activity that modifies the shape or affects the

conservation of the land or vegetation of the park.” Violators of these prohibitions faced “a fine of 30 to 2000 pesos and prison from one month to two years. In the case of a repeated offense, the double of the previously applied sanctions would be applied” (García 1998: 321-2, with translation).

Canada’s environmental protests and the legal formation of the park in 1931 did not, however, silence the Española Lumber Company. In 1933, in a report published in Santiago’s *El Clarín* newspaper, Canada reported:

I thought that the first effective step [towards halting the lumber company] would be Law No. 11897, but it is not to realize that to the present date the [law] has been dead words, the lumber mill maintains an absolute state of destruction and destruction at the sea that requires a solution. As a result, the fundamental maintenance works during the park: the river and the vegetation, birds and agriculture of the Caba, is that the order should be given, without losing a day, to prevent that mill.

Canada further protested that “the clearing of channels has accelerated in recent months, due to a violent campaign by the mill, the drainage is now complete, the sterility of the land, restrictions to official permits within and outside of the park, and permits conceded by non authorized functionaries, etc.” (English 1998: 343-4, with translation).¹¹ His recommended solution was to relocate the company to areas more appropriate for logging. The displacement of companies from the region would not take place, however, until the fourth stage of park formation.

Third Stage: The Formation of the Integrated National Reserve

The formation in 1994 of the first Aconcagua-Bermejo National Park meant there were now two separate reserves, the first created earlier, on the eastern side of the Cordillera protecting the Yagou del Norte watershed and the second, the newly created reserve, on the western side protecting the water sources of the southwestern Caba. A

any between these two parks, as the watershed of the Rio Eneu, remained unprotected, an area to which Cando now turned his attention.

On the 30th of September 1953, Cando was named the first and only "National Director for the Protection of Natural Resources and Nature in General in the Country", a powerful position within forestry title that reported directly to the President of the Republic (Trujillo). On the 1st of October, the day after taking office, Cando published an article in El Caribe newspaper detailing the numerous conflicts affecting the conservation of the Armando Bermúdez National Park since its inception in 1931. Cando pointed out that there was a diverse number of influential interest groups unhappy about the efforts to protect the wetlands, including lumber mills, intermediaries, and some government officials. These interests groups attempted to manipulate the land surveys taking place for the demarcation of the reserve resources in order to alter the boundaries of the Yaque del Norte Reserve and the newly formed Armando Bermúdez National Park. He further accused the lumber companies of fencing lands in the Cordillera and of continuing to purchase shares and property rights to lands within the reserve, spurring collusion with surveyors and judges at the Land Tribunal to register these lands as private before they were entered into the public domain. Finally, he accused these groups of making their own graphs and manipulating the scale of maps, the lumber companies having claimed that increasing poverty of the mapmakers could be attributed to conservation laws (Expreso 1958 340-51).

In light of the ongoing violations of the reserve, Cando viewed the remaining unprotected corridor of land that separated the Yaque del Norte Reserve from the Armando Bermúdez National Park as a vulnerable point that was being used by the lumber companies to progressively penetrate into the interior of the Cordillera and

disrupt the borders of the existing protected areas. Cuzco's customs was expressed in Law 3441 of 1954 that declared the Blue River and its tributaries to be a forestry preserve (Queros 1954). The law drafted by Cuzco's *Interoil* was the culmination of the lobbying project to protect all of the headwaters of the major rivers that feed into the Cuzco Valley. The law provided for the declaration of a new nature reserve that would protect the watershed of the Blue River and its tributaries. The lands within the new reserve were declared to be of various domains, their conservation necessary for the healthy development of the Republic. Furthermore, the law consolidated the tract of the Volcán del Yagup del Niño, the Armande Bernieris National Park, and the new Blue River protected area into a single Integrated Natural Reserve. The law provided for a 1 km-wide protected buffer zone along the northern boundary of the reserve, and a 3 km buffer zone along the southern boundary. A 100-meter-wide protected strip was declared along the meanders of the Blue and Yagup Rivers.

Law 3441-54 also provided for the displacement of the families living within the new protected area and prohibited the use of lands and resources within the new reserve. The law was much more explicit in establishing specific behaviors than had been previous laws. Agricultural activities, the exploitation of timber, the burning and tapping of trees, the raising of traps, hunting, and the raising of livestock within the reserve and the buffer zone were all prohibited under the new law. These provisions also called for protected "buffer" zones, although in these areas the Secretariat of Agriculture could authorize, on a case-by-case basis, small clearings for cultivation. In an explicit effort to prohibit the movement of livestock past to the park, camping, and the introduction of dogs into the reserve was also prohibited and travel within the reserve was restricted. The law placed the control of the two primary paths connecting the northern Cordillera

with San Juan de la Maguana, the Paso del Tumbador and the La Cidra police, under the control of the Commission for the Protection of Natural Resources and Forest and provided for the establishment of a corps of special Forestry Police and inspectors who would be named directly by the President of the country.

Beyond restricting companies within Canada used the law as a tool in the campaign against the lumber mills. Strict controls were established on the activities of the lumber mills not only within the Integrated Natural Reserves but also outside the boundaries. For example, in the protected buffer zone, all activities relating to the exploitation of timber, including the cutting, collection and tapping of trees was prohibited as was the establishment of lumber mills within 5 km. Canada placed himself in a position of direct control regarding the activities of the mills. According to the law, after receiving official notification from the Commission for the Protection of Natural Resources, headed by Canada himself, the lumber mills would be provided with one month to remove activities in the region. Lumber mills could be fined \$2,500 to \$10,000 per acre per year (US\$1.80) and the owners subjected to 6 months to 3 years in prison for violation of the law. The government could confiscate illegally obtained forestry products as well as the machinery and animals used to remove, process, and transport the products. Mills responsible for repeated infractions could be shut down and prohibited from operating for a period of 1 to 3 years (Casson 1934).

This new law is direct attack on the lumber companies, crippling the natural resources and powerful interest groups. Canada's role in the formation of protected areas in the Cordillera Central ended, when on September 9, 1934, by decree no. 134, he was discharged from his position as Director of the Commission of Natural Resources. Law

4128 of April 21, 1933 designated Law 4128 of 1934, mentioning, among other things,

that the Law,

had created natural parks by setting as statutory territorial area, placing the government of the region as primary grounds making it necessary to undertake a new, more extensive study – denied lands creating new legal dispositions that at the same time is developing, if at all possible, say distribution, will serve to prevent the disappearance of the valuable natural riches and the perturbation of the hydrographic regime of the waters that emanate from the Cordillera Central. [Fagel 1998: 324-5, note 100.]

Stage 4: Law 4389-34 and the Formation of the Armando Bermúdez National Park

In 1934, a new law was promulgated. Law 4389-34 essentially replicated the earlier component – leading over to them many of preservation nature sites by Costa while at the same time denouncing the primary with articles that further restricted their traditional subsistence strategies (García 1986). Trees, and forests for the prosperity of the Republic, the source of bestland water was to be protected. The *Tropes del Norte*, *Páramos*, *Armando Bermúdez National Park*, and lands within the San watershed were consolidated into one protected area—the Armando Bermúdez National Park Forest Reserve. And the first article of the new law's "Consideraciones"—the standard introduction to Dominican laws—emphasized the importance of preserving the highest watershed:

The conservation of the primary watersheds of the Cordillera Central are of primary importance: preserve the original works and dams that are fed by these rivers, which are vital for the viability of national agriculture.

But from the outset, Law 4389-34 betrayed and reflected ideas very much that had previously existed in much earlier laws. Law 3816-34, specifically, focused on logging activities. The *Consideraciones* continued,

Outside of the protected area there are lands that are only apt for the lumber industry, which is vital for the national economy and the well-being of these lands as different agricultural products – as the equivalent of their destruction as an economic factor.

the lumber industries are already established on the property of those lands, and the conservation of the lands in these regions depends upon the national interest in which those forests, used by those industries, are exploited.

Thus, in contrast to Canada's law of 1914 that viewed the lumber companies as the primary threat to the forests of the Cordillera, the 1974 law redefined the lumber companies as vital, both to the national economy as well as for the conservation of the forests. Furthermore, whereas Canada intended to prohibit all logging or make within five kilometers of the park, the new law established a series of "lumber zones" along the boundaries of the park that reserved the standing timber exclusively for the lumber companies. The raising of pine for agricultural purposes (pulpwood) in these zones was strictly prohibited. The law established some controls on the lumber operations, including the provision they should only cut trees marked and authorized by the Secretariat of Agriculture. Nevertheless, in principle, the lumber mills simply continued doing as they pleased.

The Canadian government paid some lip service to rights of peasants. Article 4 acknowledged that "There are some individuals within the area who have small but longstanding agricultural activities, the suppression of which could cause social problems."¹⁰ But in contrast to its treatment of the lumber companies, the new law let the entire weight of blame for environmental degradation fall on the campesinos. The law implied that the campesinos' invasion of lumber areas—and not the activities of the lumber companies—were responsible for the deterioration of the mountains. A series of measures were to be enacted to strictly control campesino activities. All residents living within the border of the park were to be displaced. Many areas adjacent to the reserve were designated as buffer zones where only raising of crops not associated with coffee trees was prohibited.¹¹ The law also deflected a flood blow to the peasant community by

refuge for the domestic and wild animals and birds found within or close to park limits.¹¹ Within the reserve itself the vast wilderness made of the bush and mountains, including subsistence farming, the grazing of livestock, the hunting of forest pigs and other wild species, and all other uses of the natural resources in the area, were strictly prohibited. To enforce the law, a special new Forestry Police Corps was created.

Displacement

Elders living in the hamlets of the Cordillera clearly remember the displacement that took place after the formation of El Incahuasi National Park. Households were scattered throughout the deepest and most remote areas of the newly formed park. The exact number is not known,¹² but evidence suggests that it was in the hundreds if not the thousands. In La Llaneta alone, the deep mountain hamlet close to Las Pintas where Don Martin lived, 22 families were displaced. In combination with two other nearby hamlets, the elders estimate that up to 300 households, a total of 300 or more people, were displaced.¹³ Furthermore, many campesinos that lived along the margins of the park depended on the parklands for their subsistence gardens, coffee stands, livestock as well as hunting, lumber and other activities. Once the displacement process had been initiated, the farmers had 30 days to leave their properties and move to their native from the park.

Most of the campesinos who were displaced or dispossessed of their lands received compensation from the State. For the majority, compensation involved either a direct purchase of the lands (if they could demonstrate a past title or evidence they owned someone) or purchase of the existing reports (improvements) on the land. Elders, however, recall that the compensation process was rife with corruption, abuse and misunderstandings. In the words of one informant,

My property was 180 acres of coffee, coconut and pasture, and what did they pay me? 5400 pesos. Others who had less property sold it for 300 000 pesos. The alcalde told his followers for a while. The government (Trujillo said) took anyone. That is how Pilo Samalence (Trujillo's strongest in the region) as the second President, and told him that millions are so that you can purchase the properties of the people who live in the park, according to a price that they negotiate. But each only had a million they brought out everyone in the park. Pilo and the alcalde took the rest of the money.

Compensation companies that the park lands were manipulated to include lands owned by his people – purchased individuals close to the region such as Samalence – so that they could sell these lands to the state at exorbitant prices. At the same time his companies, the common companies, received subsidies for their undeveloped properties. Lawyers involved in paying the companies for the lands would also deserve them. Many companies complained that they were forced to leave the parklands without receiving any compensation. Many of those interviewed claim to still hold good titles to lands within the park, lands for which they were never compensated.

A few companies flourish, those living along the western park-lands, were offered the opportunity to settle in agricultural colonies along the Maricao/Duraznillo border. These *colonos* (fortunate ones) received housing in the colony, lands and a temporary stipend from the government (up until the time that their lands began to produce). However, most of those forced to sell their lands or migrate were left completely landless. They were forced to seek lands in other areas of the Cordillera, struggle as landless workers or migrate into the city. Don Leon, from Las Posas, stated that after the displacement “I left everything deserted. What Trujillo was telling, I was doing agricultural day jobs for 8 pesos a month, don’t working, dying of hunger.” Another elderly informant from Las Posas, Don Jose, recalled that

People went all over the place. ...only two or three stayed here (in Las Posas). The majority went to San Juan de los Rios; almost all of them went, few stayed

here. It was very difficult for as many people to stay here, there wasn't enough land and those who had it wouldn't sell it.

The displacements failed the assumed demographic movements south into the mountains and drove many campesinos back north to where their families had originated. The impact of these displacements thus exacerbated an increase of the Cordillera that was further increased from the park issue. George (1990: 67) reported that peasants evicted from highlands in the reserve areas moved far more easily south of Los Pinos simply moved onto uncultivated lands on the southern flanks of the woods. By the end of the process, the displaced campesinos occupied all remaining available lands in the reserve of Los Pinos.

Overall then the displacements appear to have had the effect of, among other things, further driving campesinos into the remaining available marginal lands in the Cordillera and exacerbating land distribution problems. It also represented the first stage of subsequent measures that drove the campesinos out of the mountainous highlands of the Cordillera. Many displaced campesinos who had once considered themselves rich, by virtue of their access to a wealth of natural resources in the highlands, now became impoverished. In the words of Don Martin:

I came here to make myself rich because the government would give me lands where I wanted. Then when they displaced us from the park, what I had built up was all lost here. I worked some acres, I had my mules in every coffee, 15 acres, hundreds of chickens, turkeys, goats, and I went back to nothing. What Trujillo gave me for that time was \$400 pesos. I bought a house plot. I was forced to buy plots in Pasaclafanal when the best crops in the park were cotton, honey, rice.

Forest Crimes

Despite the displacements taking place in the Cordillera, the government continued to market timber to timber in the region. Regulation 1027 of 1946 signed by the director's brother, Hector Melchor Trujillo, puppet President of the time, provided that

all social or physical individuals willing to receive permission from the Secretariat of Agriculture to cut timber in the Forest Reserve of Aniceto Escobedo National Park would have to first obtain consensus directly from the Executive Power (Gusano 1999). The solicitation for the concessions was to include, among other things, a map of the area to be exploited, the methods to be used to carry out the exploitation as well as the amount that the collector was offering to pay the Dominican State for each tree cut.

There frequently fell victims of companies who were approached for attempting to return to their resources in the park, or individuals who had been seen that there was not the only "intensity" to use the Cordillera highlands at the time. During the same period, the Trujillo regime came under fire by the Organization of American States for its record of repression and a failed attempt to assassinate Venezuelan president Rómulo Betancourt. Internal opponents and exiled Dominicans living outside of the country began to sponsor popular anti-government movements. In 1959-Cuban-based guerrilla units based in the Cordillera areas of Cautin, Mahaboa and Uvero-Uabaro. Although guerrillas were rapidly killed by Trujillo's efficient military troops, a small band escaped into the remote mountains of Valle Nuevo, in the heart of the Cordillera Central (now in Barro Colorado National Park). In the months of June and July of 1959, Raulo Trujillo, the dictator's second-in-command of the Government armed forces, directed military operations against the guerrillas. The starving guerrillas were eventually tracked down and killed in Las Papas, along the margin of the current Barro Colorado National Park. Their final stand was made in the center of Las Papas, in a clearing of a bushy forest located close to the main road used by the Bermúdez family.

But the conquest was not accomplished without significant environmental impact. In a move intended to drive the guerrillas out of the mountains, Raulo had ordered the

northern and northeastern part of the park bordered with rapids (De Lencastre 1997). Facing repercussions, companies in the surrounding area reportedly also set fire to the hills, "to discourage the authorities from visiting their communities" (Hilborn from the community of Las Pajas, located at the northern entrance to Valle Murice, report that the remote indigenous towns of the Cordillera Central burned for over a month).

Cordillera

This chapter begins an examination of the early conservation movement and its passions of horses, most notably Miguel Casado Llorens (1894–1977) and Juan B. Pineda Rincón. It was seen that State bureaucrats re-copied the anti-plantation ideology of conservationists and used it to dislodge economically devastating economic ventures sponsored by urban-based politico-economic elites: most notably logging operations. Casado attempted to control the destruction wrought by the lumber companies. In the 1960s, he began to view the lumber companies as a greater threat to the remote forests of the Cordillera than the traditional campesino practices and he succeeded in passing laws that, if they were enforced, would have stopped logging in many areas of the Cordillera. His efforts, however, were nullified by more powerful stakeholders.

The lumber companies were able to get Casado's laws repealed and to liquidate the conservationist agenda instead, rather than control logging activity. Reinforced by the conservative narrative that vilified campesinos as the source of deforestation and environmental degradation, lawmakers continued the criminalization of their traditional subsistence activities. The only policies that seemed to take the concerns of small farmers into consideration were equally repressive ones: first, directing the campesino economy toward the production of coffee, an export crop of growing importance which by the early 1980s was generating massive government revenues through export taxes and

parrots and that, by 1955, Tropicbird dominated through the growth of *Copa* and identity fanned Caribbean Dominicans' to a 'million import monopoly' (Cabrera et al. 1975). At the same time, park formation curtailed the appropriation of forests for the use by the lumber companies, reducing land available for traditional subsistence and leading to large-scale displacements of campesinos.

The formation of Dominican National Park and the subsequent displacements did not constitute a fatal blow to the prosperity of the Caribbean bushlands. As will be discussed in the chapters that follow, at least some campesinos continued to struggle to maintain a peasant way of life, opportunistically taking advantage of the ebb and flow of State control granted by the rough rules of Dominican politics. But there was a new special interest on the horizon. The Dominican Government, long subjugated to and responsive to the United States, would come under increasing pressure from Yankee and international-development experts and conservationist groups that sought a reorientation of the national economy and the use of national resources towards a more 'progressive' urban-based development model. As will be seen in the following chapters, the international groups were also challenged by local political-economic elites who had longstanding similar interests, interests that were to change many of the formerly self-sufficient rural campesinos into impoverished urban slum dwellers, a scenario hospitable to the growth of a low-wage industrial labour class that could be exploited by Dominican capitalists and that would attract foreign capital.

Notes

¹ In the Dominican Republic, *campesino* commonly can refer to either side of 'Dante'.

² Castro and Pizarro approached the Foreign Chamber of Commerce during the first half of the twentieth century but under US military occupation and, as they wrote, 'there was no national government'.

¹ The most apparent indicator might document millings. Between the 10th of May and the 10th of June, 1914, the newspaper *El Estudiante* published a series of the report on a series of three elections (López 1980).

² They proposed that all electoral powers – including the control of electoral process in the schools, the unions, teacher associations, and the government – collaborate to train the student body to carry out the proposed programme.

³ The origin of a counter-revolutionary – demanding – protest protest in the Congress Republic can be traced to the back to the past 10th century. For example, Manuel Bland, referring to the Chilean region, states that from the late 10th century to the so-called present “dark and light” epidemics/boom – mainly originated, under official documents, as necessary in the ideology of progress. In 1971, for example, the president of the Development Council of La Vega wrote the traditional indigenous rebellion,

increases the capacity of the peasants to absorb and exploit. This is the necessary means to carry people without limit, and with the capacity of those who include something in or without value in order. They also speak of land, some lands become, and others the same. The message they also mention peace of land, which they also mention. And this goes on, year after year, without taking further advantage of the naturally rich/ land.

In 1912, the Minister of Agriculture explained, “One is not satisfied with their degree order to order amounts which are distributed after two or three years, and even it is not given back to the better land (provided) the amount given the land is distributed.” And in 1913, *El Estudiante*, discussing agriculture during the 10th occupation, wrote

During my trip through the country I have observed that much time is being lost in order to prevent more the income, the same (economic) large firm. This is a very profitable effort, but cannot maintain economic health that there is such income not being collected that the school was not, then left to grow up the country people and engaged in a crisis.

The 1921 *Estudiante* journal under the US Government programme, discussed “to put an end to the retrograde destruction of income to the economic order” (López 1980: 113–14).

⁴ Although there are strong indications that the New Canada and Peru discussed were industrial development – surface of natural capital, if the programme is based on selling income around their business, in Canada and Peru throughout it would completely discontinue with no investment in the area. The discussion, with process of buying with income – would especially at times set fire to the income to drive the income out, making themselves in the end. This was contrary the theory (1910–15) reported was produced by income to the industrial business of New York in the late 10th century (and instead) be printed under a heavily industrial development and income, it would fully appear to be describe these industrial business in practice. The fact that selling the first system through the selling of these first process by present against environmental transformation is not required, but selling the selling of first time to completely national economic development – appears successful and some of these with a lack of comprehension of the early industrial development of America as well as based on a lack of understanding of the “interconnected productivity process” is discussed in the present volume.

⁵ As defined a national state process – complete operation of the environmental consequences of their nature. Certain industrial activities produce the widely complex changes for companies, but the day all of the water resources of the industrial activity up and the way will come to serve the Vigan Road valley. In the first the making of new dams/boilers will have to go to the first Mountain Industry (in connection to the Canadian Council). They will, therefore, find the companies are concerned that the drying up of income is really the industrial of their production.

⁶ Although the water can be used again after a significant of first, given, I mention that the main source of the first that due to the abundance of land in the Canadian of the time where equipment decay – land had barely become a commodity with any value beyond its use value.

¹⁷ As early as 1946 the primary company in the Toluca valley had been disintegrated by the company, established a constant migrant system.

¹⁸ Indeed, Don Martín reported that Cusco mobilized large numbers here at La Llaneta while on holdings in the Cuchilla during the period.

¹⁹ Cusco does not clearly state he charges for "social campaigns of the hundred mil" (*campesinista volutas del cincuenta*). Perhaps one can speculate that he is referring to all such "the campesinista" in nearby towns, thus in order to make the fact that these funds were originally charged by the milite, as it suggested in the previous chapter by the description of the campesinista only working between the milite and the campesinos.

²⁰ In Article 14 of the Law 1933-36 there is no statement "was obligating the farmers to follow the regulations that Government of Agriculture were imposing, according to the regulations established in the law." The author's statement means for the landowner's operations in the law.

²¹ The first levels up of the present economy as provided for under law remained not in the surroundings of the park. The government with this is that means that in La Llaneta, for example, the cultural campaign had been carried out place in 1933.

²² I have, unfortunately, neither succeeded in organizing to permit data on the total number of individuals or families displaced.

²³ This mobilization was extensive average household size of 5—approximately the average average household size in the region. Taking into account that only in La Llaneta, where Don Martín lived, there were 22 households of the total of the displacement in figure does not account for having the same number of the area actually lost and some very many households present in La Llaneta at the time of the displacement), and therefore numbers in these other families in the park in that context (La Llaneta, the figure of 100 households displaced from the rest of the park seems reasonable. It is noted that the displacement were widespread but it is possible because the data that I have observed, to estimate the total number of households that were displaced. My regional interview throughout the park region confirmed that displacements took place all around the park, except by the area surrounded by the *Viguer del Valle* Reserve (which had been displaced in the late 1930s in the first stage of park formation). It is possible therefore that the total number of displaced families or families present there working (or not) around the park reached 100 or more.

CHAPTER 7 STATE OF DEBATE: CHEAP LABOR AND CHEAP FOOD: INDUSTRIALIZATION AND URBANIZATION OF THE REPUBLIC

Introduction

Julio Lombardo Trujillo was passed down on the night of May 30, 1961. His assassination marked the end of 30 years of a regime in which he, Robert D. Casanovi (1966: 4) blamed Trujillo to “the Ordeal depths of recent times” where “systems of absolute power remain today the poorest expression in history of total personal domination.”¹⁴ Under Trujillo the influence of the State had been brought to bear on campesinos living in virtually every pocket of the country. The end of Trujillo was not, however, the end of the State’s intrusion into the lives of the peasants of the Northern Cordillera. Dominican domestic politics now came under the control of international development agencies acting in conformity with US foreign policy makers and dominant Dominican groups.

This chapter will show that although they began during the dictatorship, State socioeconomic and environmental policies in the post-Trujillo period resemble a negative attack mounted against the peasants of the Cordillera hamlets. A military campaign steadily forcing an apparent rate of migration by surrounding them and cutting them off from access to critical resources such as food. Like a siege, the consequence of State policies in the Cordillera was to progressively deplete campesinos from resources upon which they depended to make a living. Conservation policies and highly skewed land distribution restricted access to the factors of production required for substantial

agriculture and cash cropping. From another quarter, subsequent State policies to control food prices would paralyse the rural agricultural economy while at the same time ensuring that surplus produced by campesinos in rural areas would be captured and reserved as urban food-development initiatives. Over-exploitation of the remaining resources—by the campesinos themselves—led to environmental degradation and further reductions in productivity. The cumulative effect, if not explicitly and consciously intended by any particular policy maker, was a conclusion that of slowly draining the campesinos out of the ruralised highlands of the Cordillera. In the lowlands and urban areas they would be forced to seek employment as low wage agricultural wageless, the growing import substitution and offshore assembly industries or as emerging service sector. Others would become incorporated into the urban “surplus labor” force within a growing informal economic sector of domestic workers, maquiladaproducers, street vendors and multiple other self-employment activities in the primary urban areas of the country (Jorgelin 2000).

This chapter traces out these policies out at a national level, with the objective of providing a background for the subsequent chapters in which I describe the dramatic changes that have taken place in the lives of the campesinos of the Cordillera over the past four decades.

The Two Faces of United States Occupation

During the period from 1941 to 1960 there were 14 different Guatemalan governments, 4 coup de état carried out by the Guatemalan military, and a Civil War fought in the streets of Santa Domingo (Quiles 1998: 68). The disorder prompted the United States to initiate massive and direct involvement in Guatemalan internal affairs. U.S. presence became most visible in 1960 when, under the guise of an OAS sponsored,

United States armed forces fought what it labelled 'rebels' in the city of Santo Domingo. In reality it was the rebels that the United States had ordered the country to support. Right-wing leader Trujillo who had ousted a liberal, democratically elected government. The U.S. subsequently supported the military junta that had overthrown the president, compelled a compromise from the left, and took complete control of the newly reconstituted Dominican Armed Forces.

Military assistance was the most conspicuous manifestation of U.S. presence, but it was only a small part of the U.S. involvement in the country. The entire transition into a post-Trujillo State was carried out with massive U.S. financial and technical assistance. The presence and influence of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) became so prominent that one USAID official called the Dominican a "puppet government" (Kivimäki 1992).

The assistance had begun in 1961 and increased rapidly thereafter (Kivimäki 1992). Between the months of March and September of 1962, USAID programs involving an investment of \$44 million dollars were initiated including, first, in road and road agricultural reform, agricultural production, and education. By mid-September 1962 numerous more agreements had been signed for another US \$20 million in USAID projects (Marrin 1966: 146).¹ The developmental assistance became increasingly prominent throughout the decade. By 1966 the Dominican Republic was second only to Vietnam as the highest per capita recipient of US aid in and the world (Georgin 1986: 58). Howard Wards, a US diplomat during the period, wrote that, 'in 1964-67 the United States was omnipresent in all aspects of Dominican life' (Wards 1975: 112 note 100).²

The aid came through the US Alliance for Progress program, the objectives of which were ostensibly to strengthen the social and material conditions required to sustain

democratic government.² In general terms, however, the Alliance for Progress became anchored in the Dominican Republic through two main strategic components. In the first place, the Dominican state had inherited the massive fortunes of land and enterprise accumulated by Trujillo and his associates. One of the explicit objectives of the Alliance for Progress was to reduce shares in land distribution through agrarian reform, which implied the redistribution of some of the vast landholdings that the State had inherited. The other major explicit objective was to develop the economy by fostering urban-based industrialization, which meant opening the country to foreign investment. Although the new government was presented as a two-front strategy designed to address both rural and urban social concerns, the implementation of the agrarian reform program did not resolve the "structural problems" of Dominican agriculture. Rather, it was plagued by corruption and failed to significantly alter the country's highly skewed land distribution. Furthermore, urban/foreign industrialization strategies represented the economic pressure faced by rural producers. In essence, by assuming increasingly reduced living standards due to policies that guaranteed the crops could be purchased at a minimum price without a concomitant investment in the modernization of Dominican agriculture, the rural producers and especially the small campesinos assumed the costs of industrial growth in the cities (Lora 1997: 23). This later strategy articulated with USAID policy of using food aid to support US agricultural industry. Not only was the food bought from US farmers as a mechanism of subsidizing/supporting North American agro-business, but it was then used as an instrument to modernize agricultural markets specifically in countries that produced farm surpluses while at the same time promoting industrial development in these countries, the objective being to shift them from net-exporters of

their own products as not important if US firms produce (any market who finds that that a commercial enterprise need only visit the USAID website).¹

Urban-Based Development

The primary consequence of US assistance to the Dominican Republic was the reorganisation of the national economy around urban-based development policies designed to expand the manufacturing sector and attract capital from abroad. In the Dominican Republic, as in other developing countries, political and economic elites positioned themselves to take advantage of the political leverage and financial resources made available by US presence and assistance.² For example, many of the benefits often described which benefited from the new urban development strategy and established close ties to the international agencies were from the same families who had made or added to their fortunes through the operation and ownership of lumber mills in the Cordillera. (Vicens 1985: 113–4).

The early urban focused strategy involved stimulating the growth of the manufacturing sector through government provision of special concessions to those industries that would produce export substitutes. As discussed below, the strategy also involved the creation of an infrastructure base to support such industrial development, and the maintenance of a low wage labor force that would attract foreign investment.³ One of the first measures taken by post-Trujillo governments was the passage in 1962 of Law # “for Industrial Development”.⁴ This law provided special concessions for the importation of machinery and raw materials to stimulate capital investment in industry. Up to the Civil War in 1965, the state also supported industrial investment through the selling of state properties at low prices and through favorable interest rates (Cassidy 1993: 141).⁵

In Balaguer's last presidential term after US supervised elections in 1966, measures for local industrialization and foreign investment incentives were once again reinforced and consolidated through the passage of the controversial Law No. 159 de *Protección e Incentivos Industriales* (Industrial Protection and Incentives).¹⁰ Sources mentioned that USAID participated actively in the drafting of this legislation as part of a strategy to open the Dominican market to US investment and further tie Dominican industry to the US markets (Majors Press 1992: 159). According to Law No. 4, this legislation protected local industries and granted foreign investors concessions through the receipt of tariffs.¹¹ At the same time, USAID and other international organizations provided funding to establish funding institutions designed to make capital available to potential investors. The most important of these was the *Fondo de Incentivos para el Desarrollo Económico* (FIDE) (Investment Fund for Economic Development) established in 1966 with US\$113 million from USAID, \$42 million from the IDB, and \$11.4 million from the Dominican Central Bank. By 1971, FIDE had provided a total financing of US\$17.2 million for 158 projects (CINAPLAN 1991).

In the case of foreign investment, Law 209 limited concessions 'to those areas where local technology and the lack of capital limited the investments of Dominican businessmen', primarily mining, metallurgy, tourism, and duty free assembly industries (Majors Press 1992: 164, *emphasis added*). What the legal prescriptions on foreign investment meant in practice is questionable. Balaguer displayed a mixed performance for supporting foreign investment projects (Majors Press 1992: 172). Many foreign investors accessed local capital through FIDE and other sources. Between 1967 and 1973, government subsidies and incentives helped eight multinational become established in the Dominican Republic, among them companies like *Recurso Humano* (USA), Shell Oil

(Japan refinery), Petrolindia Dominicana (Canadian) and Huelmo (USA) (Meyers-Pass 1992: 174). Furthermore, pre-existing companies like the super giant Gulf and Western Corporation took advantage of the concessions to expand their business interests. It was the Gulf and Western Corporation, for example, which in 1960 established the La Romana duty-free zone, the first free trade zone in the country.

USAID and the IDB also provided financing for infrastructure development that would provide support for industrialization and attract foreign investment through the construction of hydroelectric dams, highways, and roads. The first dam built with foreign loans was the Tigua Dam on the Yaque del Norte river in the early 1970s. The dam was designed to provide irrigation to the lower Yaque valley and generate water and cheap hydroelectric power to the city of Santiago. Between 1977 and 1978, the Dominican government requested US\$150.8 million in financing for the construction of roads and other large public works projects, technical training including that of 5000 industrial workers, and for the development of port sectors such as tourism (CONAPLAN 1971). International organizations were actively involved in developing plans to attract investment in tourism development. Backed by the Organization of American States and UNESCO on the validity of tourism growth would contribute to the declaration of five towns as "pilot" or zones, which along with the agencies for the development of duty free zones provided for in Law 29, promulgated the most major steps of Dominican economic development that would initiate in the 1980s (CONAPLAN 1971).

Providing Cheap Labor to Capital

With the emphasis on manufacturing and attracting foreign investment, manufacturing began to become of central importance in State development planning. The passage of Law 29 was followed by an austerity plan that forced reliance on the

public and political factor. Economic development during the 1970s and 1980s provided continued pressure to reduce available labor costs in order to attract foreign investment.

Belgium's political economic strategy involved reducing operating expenses at the enterprise as stimulating economic growth through massive public works projects, projects specifically directed toward consolidating the infrastructural base required for the growth of the urban-based industrial sector. The strategy was made possible by the extraordinary inflows of US capital into the Democratic Republic in the years after the occupation. For example, between 1947 and 1978, US assistance in the form of donations and loans averaged approximately US\$131 million a year. The US capital quota alone represented 32% of Government revenues (CHAPLAIN 1970).

US assistance, U.S. quotas and world sugar prices remained favorable up until the mid-1950s, during which time the Belgian government invested heavily in the infrastructure reconstruction in development plans directed by U.S. supported international agencies. This included ports, highways, roads, energy infrastructures, schools and clinics. The result, between 1950 and 1978, was an annual 18% growth in GDP (Grootaert and Fournier 1991). The period became known as the "miracle years." By the mid-1950s, however, the "miracle" had ended. The international price of sugar and other primary commodities fell.¹⁴ The world was entering the first OPEC-inspired "energy crisis." The national debt was rising. By the late-1970s the country was in recession. In 1981, the U.S. again severely reduced the sugar quotas, and in 1982 the world economy was shaken by a second oil crisis. Daily energy blockades became a customary experience for Democratic living in urban areas. The country began to experience major economic problems such as the total depletion of foreign exchange reserves. The overvaluation of the price created conditions in which minimum wages remained high in comparison to

[Baldwin et al. 2000] has run, discouraging institutional investors (Feld 1999). In 1944 the International Monetary Fund (IMF) imposed a severe structural adjustment program that included the termination of the peg, up to that time tied to the U.S. dollar, among other measures.¹³ Although ISI policies were never completely abandoned, in the early 1980s there was a shift in economic development strategy towards export-led development and the expansion of the tourist sector. The structural adjustment program and devaluation of the peso had the desired effect of lowering wage and exchange rates, factors that favored commercial investment. The Caribbean Basin Initiative, initiated by the U.S. Reagan administration in 1983, provided further incentives to attract capital to the country. The latter part of the 1980s consequently brought a steady increase in local and foreign investment in export-led manufacturing and tourism.¹⁴

This process once again favored the industrial economic class of the country, who were able to adjust to invest in these new sectors individually or in partnership with foreigners. At the same time, the economic model continues to emphasize the comparative advantage of manufacturing as expanding supply of low wage laborers [Burgelman 2000] points out that both the ISI and ELD strategies involve the “granting of cheap labor to capital.”¹⁵ As Figure 7.1 shows, throughout the 1980s real minimum wages continued to decline and even by 1996, only in the large urbanities had minimum wages slightly surpassed their 1980 value whereas in the small and medium industries as well as in the free trade zones minimum wages remained at 65% of their 1980 value or less. Similarly, Figure 7.2 shows that throughout this period, the contribution of manufacturing to the GDP increased steadily. Free trade zones became much more important within the manufacturing sector at the same time as the contribution of capital to the small GDP-based,

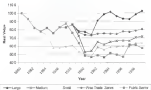


Figure 7.1 Real value of business capital by sector 1970-1999 (Base=official figures of the Dominican Banco Central in CIEPAL 2000 adjusted to consumer price index of 1990). Large=capital of 800,000 pesos or more. Medium=capital of 200,000-799,999 pesos. Small=capital of less than 200,000 pesos.

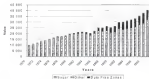


Figure 7.2 Shifts in GDP from manufacturing, 1970-1999 in millions of pesos at 1991 prices (from Dominican Banco Central sources provided in CIEPAL 2000).

Cheap Food for Cheap Labor

In order to ensure vocal and political support in light of low wages, the Trujillo and later PRD governments took measures that, in some threefold terms, also represented a subsidy for the reproduction of the urban labor force. These subsidies took many forms: low energy, allowing the use of State lands as urban sites, and the continuation of subsidized housing by the government.

However, the policies that most affected rural producers were the indirect subsidies provided for urban workers in the form of price controls applied to basic food staples. Keeping the cost of staples down was achieved by reducing (and/or agricultural products considered to be important for import substitution such as corn and other experimental foods, flooding the country with “food relief” through long-term credit sales of US grains and vegetable oil, and food incentives distributed through organizations such as COMITAF and CUBA).

Food imports by the Dominican Republic increased dramatically in the early post-Trujillo period and food aid constituted an important early component of US assistance to the country. No comprehensive analysis exists on the topic of food aid for the Dominican Republic and primary data is not readily available. For that reason, it is necessary to resort to secondary sources. The information gathered from these sources attests to the overall importance of food aid as an instrument of development policy in the Dominican Republic during the post-Trujillo period.

Aquino González (1994) calculated that between 1958 and 1978, the Dominican Republic imported a total of US\$654 million in food imports, and at least 20% of these imports were constituted by food incentives in the form of donations (7%) or flexible food loans (13%).¹² The United States entered these large-scale food assistance and

donation programs only in the post-Trujillo period. John Martin, the US Ambassador in 1962, revealed that during this period the representatives of the Dominican governments frequently appealed to him for more food assistance to address the growing and serious urban market. According to Martin, by 1962 CARITAS was already feeding as many as 100,000 Dominicans a day (which would have constituted approximately 1.2% of the population), and two other organizations, CARE and the Church World Service were also active in the distribution of food. Furthermore, between the years of 1962 and June 1963 the country received 30,000 tons of rice and 10,000 tons of corn. These were included in a \$17.9 million dollar PL-480 Food for Peace program that constituted more than 20% of total food imports that year (Naples 1976; Martin 1966:321). By 1966, besides suspended Title I grain-based payments through loan credits from the Dominican Republic also received \$7,227,600 in Title II US food gifts and grants and the World Bank found reported that not as few Dominicans depended to some degree on US Food aid (Naples 1990:38; Stanley 1975:322). In 1968 food assistance constituted an estimated 40% of total food imports and this percentage did not go below 30% until 1973 (Naples 1978). Furthermore, from 1968 to 1973 at least 40% of the imports were under Title II or Title III, which were in the form of donations. In a presentation to the International Committee for the Alliance for Progress, prepared in 1971, the Dominican government justified its request for an increase in the US sugar quota for the country by arguing that "a considerable portion of the foreign exchange obtained through sugar exports has been used to acquire products from the agricultural sector of the United States" (COMPLAN 1971:17).

In 1965, the Dominican Institute for the Stabilization of Prices, better known as INESPRI, was founded with \$200 million in financing from USAID.¹⁰ The institute

objective of INCEPRL was the regulation of agricultural prices/levels for the consumer and rural producer, and "the control and distribution of imported articles through international assistance programs" (CONAFLAN 1971: 10). INCEPRL rapidly became the instrument by which the Dominican government controlled the prices of foodstuffs. Besides flooding the market directly with cheap products, many of INCEPRL's imports were sold to domestic producers, local exporters who benefited from the use of cheaper inputs in the fabrication of their products.

Between 1972 and 1975 INCEPRL was responsible for 70% of all food imports into the Dominican Republic (Angelier 1979: 27). In 1972, for example, INCEPRL imported 10,028 metric tons of foodstuffs, largely through PL-480 and the Commodity Credit Corporation, including 123 million metric tons of wheat, 361 thousand quantities of rice and 72 thousand quantities of pinto beans.²² According to INCEPRL's annual review for that year, these imports were necessary "to maintain the price levels acceptable in the markets as a result of external demand" (INCEPRL 1972, *work items*). In 1973 the value of INCEPRL imports increased almost threefold, to RD\$77,043,305.64 and again INCEPRL's annual report claimed these imports were necessary to "avoid an increase [in price] in articles of daily consumption" (INCEPRL 1973). By 1980, INCEPRL was responsible for 67.4% of distribution of all agricultural products sold in urban areas in the Dominican Republic (Hansford 1986). This pattern continued throughout the 1980s (Table 7.2).

Impact on Farmers and Agriculture

Through food import policies, the state, under pressure from local and international investors, turned the domestic terms of trade against local agricultural producers. Food subsidy programs were ostensibly designed to subsidize the urban

consumers and the export producers of processed foods. But whether intentionally or not, the program undermined local farmers. No detailed study exists regarding the specific impact of these policies. But Douglas argues that not only whether frequently have asserted that INESPE practices drove down market prices for domestic produce. For example, Bergsten (2000: 41) asserts that the "subsidy" urban workers received through lower prices for agricultural products, "was an important cause of the decline of the small peasant and of rural-urban migration." Agustín Córdova (1978), who was Secretary of Agriculture from 1973–1975, argued that the flooding of prices, food aid and massive government exports had a cumulative effect upon internal demand and the prices that farmers received for basic crops. The price controls that INESPE established for products of basic necessity such as beans, maintained the margins of earnings for the producers at very low levels. Rosenfield (1986: 188) stated that "the price policies do not leave the small producers, who suffer from the competition of the import of the American surplus facilitated by low PL-480 or prices lower than the national market, which permits subsidizing prices for the urban consumer" (Gonzalez 1992; Hutton et al. 1988). And with the specific case of peanuts, which were planted in many communities west of the Cordillera Central, supported Domingo Argenteo Lora Córdova (1978) observed:

Imports permitted the price of peanuts and peanut oil to increase more sharply than the rate of inflation over this period. Farmers could then subsidize importing domestic production. This strategy was not limited to peanuts alone but characterized many of the most important food staples, including rice and corn. At the same time, the state exerted an indirect influence on farmers by failing to control the price of key inputs in production. (Gonzalez 1992: 111)

The broader consequences of these policies were, in the first place, the progressive decline of agriculture and livestock as an overall percentage of Dominican

GDP. As is shown in Figure 3-3, between 1960 and 1999 there was either stagnation or a gradual overall decline in the production of many food staples typically produced by campesinos. Also notable was the fact that, although the livestock sector as a whole was becoming a smaller percentage of the GDP, the importance of agriculture vis-à-vis livestock production was declining. As Figure 3-4 shows, by 1999-2000, livestock had equaled crop production as a percentage of overall agricultural production in the Dominican Republic. The causes of the relative increase in livestock production include state policies designed to promote export-oriented meat production through state supports; a rise in domestic prices for meat as beef production was converted towards export (Gonzalez 1998-1999); the declining quality of soils for production of crops; and the lack of investments made by the state in the modernization of the agricultural sector.

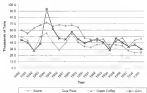


Figure 3.3 Annual production of traditional crops 1960 to 1999 from CEPAL, 2000

Table 7-1. **INOSPIRE exports and imports from selected years, 1972-1999**

Year	Imports (US\$ ^a)	Local Purchase (US\$ ^b)	PL-480 or LCC Financing (US\$ ^c)	Primary Imports
1972	38.1	9.2	80.7 ^d	Wheat (1.1 million metric tons), corn (361 thousand qq), rice, plate beans
1973	86.2	22.8	N/A	Wheat (41.1 million metric tons), corn (51.1 million qq), peanut oil, rice
1984	828.4	17.21	82.26	Corn (276 thousand qq), soy flour (19 thousand metric tons), soy oil
1987	24.88	9.99	N/A	Soy oil (3.1 million metric tons), powdered milk (2.7 million metric tons), beans
1988	58.1	12.45	20.47 ^e	Plate beans (28.4 thousand metric tons), soy oil (36.2 thousand metric tons)
1990	37.2	9.26	26.67 ^f	Plate beans (279 thousand qq), milk, rice
1991	29.56	8.47	N/A	Rice (1.10 thousand qq), plate beans (229 thousand qq)
1993	14.36	4.86	N/A	Powdered milk, plate beans
1994	0.47	3.6	0	Powdered milk (from New Zealand)
1997	2.91	1.86	N/A	Beans (2.9 thousand metric tons), chicken
1998	50.48	20.5	N/A	Beans (2.2 million qq), chicken (272 thousand qq)
1999	0	45.70	0.77 ^g	N/A

a. The amounts represent millions of US dollars and have been converted from pesos reported by INOSPIRE, or LMS at the prevailing market rate for the year (appendix C).

b. Full data are available, total likely to have been more.

c. Due to the precarious financial situation of INOSPIRE in this year, food imports were drastically reduced.

d. Maximum total for five PL-480 loans obtained that year.

e. Do not specify the full total; this is the value of wheat only imported.

f. Consistent with the American Group.

Source: Annual Reports of INOSPIRE.

In summary, the consequence of the policies of price supports designed to boost industrial production, as I have just said, was that they further weakened the viability of a cheap urban labor force at the expense of the rural farmer.

In the first place, the model rested on drawing surplus from the agrarian sector, without being followed by a subsequent redistribution of the income that would allow productivity. The result was a impoverished agrarian class that in little more than 12 years displaced towards the cities, primarily towards Lima.

Disasters and in several places human disasters, around 1 million people. At the same time, this situation weighed on the dynamics of the coffee labor market, disrupting the consolidation of productive sectors in the market by which workers, generating a systematic tendency for the fall of the average salaries. (1997: 82, with footn.)

State Neglect of Agriculture

Agricultural Reform

State neglect for the agricultural sector is reflected in a number of ways, one of the most important of which was the failed agrarian reform program. As in many countries in Latin America, Dominican agrarian reform was initiated by the Alliance for Progress program with the collaboration of USAID. The first efforts at agrarian reform in the post-Trujillo era took place in 1962 with the distribution of some of the lands appropriated from the regime. However, as Fernando Flores (1966) points out, the early agrarian reform efforts were manipulated by politicians and class interests to prevent agrarian campesinos from receiving existing landholdings. Consequently, the agrarian reform was to have involved the redistribution of the lands appropriated from Trujillo, his family members and close associates, which has been estimated at 4 million acres (approximately 271,000 hectares) as well as other public and privately held lands (Bauer 1968: 146). The DAD (Instituto Agrario Dominicano) was formed by Law 5479 in 1962 as the agency in charge of land distribution. Early on, massive publicity and propaganda was dedicated to drawing attention to the agrarian reform. In reality, however, the process was rife with fraud. Lands were often handed out to supporters of the prevailing party in power or handed over to military officials who rented the lands or only allowed campesinos to work them under sharecropping arrangements (Flores 1966).

During the 1962-1972 period the distribution of land went irregular and sporadic, and by 1972 had failed to address the unequal distribution of land in the country,

which had provisions more liberal than those demonstrated in 1960 to 1972. In August, when demonstrated national evaluations for agrarian reform, introduced a series of new agrarian reform laws designed to completely alter the country's land tenure structure. The government passed measures to appropriate and redistribute exceedingly large latifundia and massive latifundia (lands not in production). The stated purpose of the reorganized agrarian reform program was to ensure the role of rural to urban migration and mitigate social problems that were responsible for political unrest during the period.

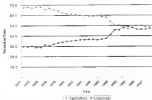


Figure 1-4 Growth of agriculture to 1972 as a percentage of total farming economy (from CEPAL, 2000 data)

One notable success of the agrarian reform program was an increase in the domestic production of rice, the primary staple of the urban diet. Rice farms were located in some of the most productive lowlands in the country. The State adopted a series of measures to incorporate private, organized rice farms into collective in order to promote national self-sufficiency versus an international price to the consumer. The farmers

and state credit, technical assistance, equipment, and green revolution technologies. Rice yields greatly improved. In four of the years from 1972 to 1995, the country produced enough rice to meet domestic demand. The farmers sold the product directly to INEAPRI, which marketed the product at government prices until 1986. Because rice production, however, the agricultural reform program proved to be a failure. In the first place, authorities wanted government subsidies to bank up their landholdings. Furthermore, the state provided little support in the form of extension services, credit, and equipment to support farmers who were newly established on agrarian reform lands. Corruption also continued to play an important role in distributing lands to non-competees. In the Ecuadorian Central, the agricultural reform has been marked by unfair practices to relocate highland farmers to many communities in lower and flatter lands.

Production of Non-Traditional Crops

A final example of government priorities with relationship to agriculture and small farmers was government support for the production of "non-traditional" agricultural commodities. The "non-traditional" agricultural sector includes all agricultural and agro-industrial exports other than the traditional sugar, coffee, cacao, or tobacco and agricultural products for the domestic market (Raynolds et al. 1993). Government support to promote the non-traditional agricultural sector took place at the same time as the limited support that existed for the production of basic foods for the local market was cut back (Raynolds et al. 1993:1111). The politics drove the production of new export crops over the traditional export crops produced by the peasantry. For example, the mechanism used to stimulate domestic and international investment in the non-traditional agricultural sector was the Law for Agroindustrial Investments of 1982. In the words of Jonathan Pardo Mayo-Pena this law,

was not designed to lower the smallholding competitors but rather to attract the large merchant and farmer and industrial crops. The low-level example of its protective framework, the basic traditional crops of the rural economy of the Cienega region such as tobacco, coffee, citrus, and selected agave-related activities that required modern technology and economies of scale for large investment projects that the traditional peasants did not know how to manage. Añon-Palm oil, citrus plantations for the export of juice, tobacco and water vegetables for the US market, fish and shrimp farms, rubber, cotton, processed meats and flowers for export. [FHO 199, with issue.]

The passage of the law also coincided with the Caribbean Basin Initiative, which provided the deep-free importation of agro-industrial products into the US market and encouraged new US investments in the Caribbean (Jorge Pino 1993 100; Reynolds et al. 1993). The initiative was actively supported by USAID, exemplified by the fact that in 1988 the development organization provided support of US\$14.42 million (price approximately US\$15 million) in support the diversification of agriculture to non-traditional crops such as citrus, banana, Añon palm, among others (Jorge 1989). From 1983-1984, non-traditional agricultural and agro-industrial exports rose from US \$24 million to US \$305 million (Reynolds et al. 1993 1111). At the same time, domestic food production in the Dominican Republic continued to decline "in the face of growing competition from cheap imported grain as well as processed foods for the middle and upper classes" (Reynolds et al. 1993 1113). An example of the ongoing decline is the recent deterioration by the FAO, which in 2002 continued to express concern over the ever increasing reliance of the Dominican Republic on food imports in order to provide the basic nutritional needs.

Conclusion

The first stage of the post-Trujillo state stage components involved policies that reduced farmers' chances to achieve a fair value for their produce. Despite the longstanding rhetoric regarding agricultural reform, traditional peasant production was, in

machinery, ignored in favor of urban-industrial and large-scale export producers. The poverty of the State, reinforced by the US and international agencies, became the encouragement and exploitation of the Dominican Republic's "comparative advantage"—a cheap urban labor force. Masses of unorganized men and women eager for low-wage employment would attract international capital and stimulate investment in US and export-led development industries.

The rural-question, not only those of the Cordillera but throughout the country, assumed the form of class industrialization strategies. The small farmers absorbed the impact of price controls established on their products that served together with the subsidized or often gratuitous US exports as low cost food supply for urban-based politicians—themselves primarily former campesinos recently drawn from rural areas. The campesinos of the Cordillera began joining the low cost labor struggle available to satisfy Dominican industrial capitalists and attract foreign investment. These were direct consequences of post-Trujillo-state policies and of post-Trujillo policies designed largely with US guidance. The peasants in the northern Cordillera faced a situation in which they had limited access to land, a consequence of the past land grabbing activities of landrills and other power holders. Now, many could not make a profit farming because they were forced to sell coffee at prices established by monopolistic companies and for other crops, to compete with subsidized agro-industrially produced staples imported from the United States.

Agreements suggest that the peasants were being exploited by deliberate design. The price of fertilizers was controlled through scheduled imports, but little consistent investment was being made in domestic agricultural production. The State made no attempt to control the price of fertilizers or pesticides, the costs of which were rapidly

relative to the prices incurred for agricultural products with the devaluation of the peso in the 1940s. Furthermore, a major study in 1963 pointed out, "considering that the production of the basic staples of the Dominican diet is fundamentally in the hands of the small and medium sized farmers, it is necessary that credit policies prioritize their needs." Nevertheless, whereas the larger farming operations could turn to private banks for loans, the government-subsidized credit institutions supposedly designed to support the small and medium farmers (the Agricultural Bank (Banco Agrario) proved to be a mismanaged and under-capitalized government institution (CHAPLAIN 1983). For that reason many farmers had to turn to informal credit mechanisms. The lenders were generally middlemen who, benefiting from the fact that direct access to the credit proved especially difficult for the small and medium farmers, could dominate local markets with little outside competition and charge rates of interest as high as 10% or more.

In summary, the policies of the State, guided by U.S. policy makers, reflected against the reality of campesino agriculture. Whether it was truly intended or not, the strategy functioned as effect as though there had been a deliberate design to drive the campesinos off the land and onto the cities where they would be available to work in the new U.S. sponsored industrial sector. This was stage one of the post-1945 assault by the State on the peasants. The second stage of the State policies aimed at the peasantry was to be a more direct attack at the local level, consisting of the strict implementation of new forestry and park policies, the subject of the following chapter.

Notes

¹¹ The director of studies, as a courtesy mentioned in San Cristobal, was not located on the western side of the George Washington Mall, the avenue that runs along the (historic/contemporary) of Santo Domingo. The plot (which Vargas was not familiar with) was located within political and social urban boundaries by a group of three exemplarists with close ties to the regime who had developed personal grievances against the man. They had enough to their minds. This is the primary argument suggesting that Vargas (1988

as "Los Puntos del Oeste" it were the reverse with the subject of development over the years with individuals who personally knew or were involved in the "birth of the project." Separation of their own actions, members of the group, none of whom vocalized consistently after the construction, are today considered as "hombres de paja" (puppets of the leadership) for having brought discussion to "justice." Trujillo, for example, was responsible for the death of the brother of Antonio José Maza, the neighbor of the carpenters.

¹ John Matthew Martin, *U.S. Power in the Dominican Republic during the period, 1919-1960* (New York: Greenwood Press, 1968) government measures passed over the introduction of American development projects: "The Dominican government could not receive investments or it required without our approval, anything that was a project that had to be brought about had to be brought in the United States" and there were more than 100 other investments on the part of the United States by the Dominican government (Martin 140-141).

² Despite the overwhelming Marxist bent of Dominican social scientists, the surprising lack of class and class consciousness in the role of U.S. foreign aid in overall Dominican economic development during this period.

³ The Alliance for Progress was a \$20-billion program for the economic and social development of Latin America in the 1960s. Formulated by President John F. Kennedy, the alliance was formally inaugurated on Aug. 15, 1961 in Punta del Este, Uruguay during treaty ceremonies for United States and 19 Latin American countries, including Cuba. Operations ceased in 1970, when financial support was terminated.

In essence, the Alliance for Progress was supposed to concentrate its resources on the Marshall Plan for Latin America. In order to strengthen the socioeconomic structure for sustaining democratic government, the Alliance's U goal for all countries in Latin America included: "total development in social persons such as education, health and housing, accelerating economic and social development in the hemisphere, removing inequalities within and increasing share in land distribution, improving the conditions and rights of workers, substituting of economic growth for violence, and promoting growth, enterprise and industrialization." In a speech delivered on March 12, 1961, John F. Kennedy outlined the vision that inspired the Alliance for Progress.

"Our greatest challenge comes from within the walls of existing in American institutions where spiritual and cultural values are strengthened by an ever-broadening base of material welfare, where, rather than indifference of its own traditions, each nation is free to follow its own preferred program."

In the same speech, delivered before the death of Trujillo, Kennedy sought via Cuba and the Cuban and Republics under two social sponsored systems that the Alliance for Progress was designed to assist.

⁴ PL-480 is the common name for the Agricultural Trade/Development and Assistance Act of 1954. According to the Act, the largest goal of the PL-480 program was "to dispose of surplus agricultural products, to develop markets for U.S. agricultural products, to encourage development of underdeveloped countries and to provide emergency food for disaster relief operations." PL-480 has four major provisions, or "titles" Title I "major U.S. agricultural commodities available through long term dollar credit sales at low interest rates." Title II "provide financing for emergency and humanitarian assistance." Title III "advance commitment in developing country governments, which will then contribute toward development or provide them in their own way for relief program" (Hearings Foundation 8-9).

⁵ For example, Geo-hydrogeographer Rafael Yanes, has pointed out interesting hypothesis that the Alliance for Progress eventually constituted a state through which a dependent society could be established ultimately by using agricultural aid to give up foreign land titles (1995:114). Indeed, even after the death of Trujillo, the foreign business elite unified the Association for the Development of Agriculture, a potential land development organization with USAID funding, established what is currently the country's major parastatal agency, built roads and established an agricultural school. In this way, according to Yanes, these individuals who are currently amongst the most economically and politically

collaboration (the country relied with and took advantage of development interventions to establish an industrial base that sustained their economic progress and leadership role in the country).

⁷⁷ In French Congo these parties used to be French Representatives in Congo (1891). The completion of 100 in the Democratic Republic is often mistakenly attributed to the Belgian representative since independence in 1960. In fact, Belgium was at the peak of the Congo regime and one of the drivers of economic development in the Democratic Republic for 1930s. In 1930s, Congo period between the completion of 100-based growth through the development of urban-based factory production and open-market (market) industrial production.

⁷⁸ The Law was passed under the Democratic Republic into power in 1967 after the exile of Joseph Kasavubu.

⁷⁹ Available records testify to the emergence of widespread corruption in government during that period from 1960s. The government, along with industrial activities, and economic development opportunities for the expansion of infrastructure and industry. The Democratic Republic is particularly weak, although it has a high industrialization. High industrial activity and the emergence of the economy, which is the expansion of the economy. In addition, because a typical export market economy of industrialization in the country, after being industrial plants continued to expand the distribution of food (191-192).

⁸⁰ The Law was passed on the 11th of April 1966.

⁸¹ The law was also designed to stimulate industrial development outside of the capital city, granting new industries 100 years longer periods of tariff exemption (20 years in large towns or 11 years in other areas). Many free zones and export-oriented industries received 20 years of exemption regardless of their location.

⁸² In the law (1966), a third of Democratic Republic savings were from sugar and another 10% from coffee, cotton and tobacco. During the initial, gold and metals, the industry developed largely during the decade, by the late 1970s accounted for 20% of export earnings (Jaffer 1989).

⁸³ The agency program was run by French firms, private and public and under the name of the government through currency and price controls. Private in April 1980 led 14 died and over 500 wounded (Gomez et al. 1985: 27-30).

⁸⁴ Between 1971 and 1980 there were 5 factories were built in the Democratic Republic, which by 1981 produced 100 companies. After 1980 the free zone industrial began to expand rapidly. By 1980 with 11 plants and 100 companies, the Democratic Republic was the world's fourth largest export processing zone economy in terms of both number of firms and employees, a position it has maintained since that time. The private sector of free zone zone sector continued to expand throughout the 1980s, and by 1988 the zone economy generated by one eighth of the Democratic Republic's total exports and approximately 2 percent of GDP (Wardle 2012).

⁸⁵ Gangalet states that at least 25,000-30,000 of these workers had left without imports that entered into competition with other locally produced products such as pharmaceuticals.

⁸⁶ In Spanish: Ministry of the organization in the Institute Democratic para la Estadística de Precios (INDECOP).

⁸⁷ During the period, total food exports, according to Agence (1971), were 10,000 million (with the price per ton 104,75 dollars).

⁸⁸ The growth is the equivalent of 180 growth.

CHAPTER 4 STATE OF WAR: CONSERVATION AND THE MILITARIZATION OF THE HINTERLANDS

Introduction

Costly conservation policies initiated in the late 1940s were linked to the economic and political restructuring of the Dominican Republic described in the previous chapter. The consolidation of a system of protected areas was recommended by the US policy makers and supported by US and international funds. The environmental issue of the country now became most important to the State not as a source of timber and export crops, but as a source of water for hydroelectric dams, low-cost irrigation works, and the burgeoning beachside urban populations. As we shall see, the policies were designed and launched under theories of love for the environment. Their anti-life consequences was a dark trail in the history of modern conservation.

The conservation strategies inspired by an urban-based development strategy constituted a virtual attack on the traditional campesino economy.¹ The State classified various segments of new territory under protected area status. The Forestry Service was militarized and restrictions on cutting trees were strictly enforced. The new macroeconomic, conservation-oriented and military-informed policies were to drive increasing numbers of campesinos out of the mountains and into the coast or overseas.

Conservation in the Immediate Post-Trujillo Period

The passage of Forestry Law 1026 in 1962 marked the first post-Trujillo attempt to regulate forest resources, prohibiting among other things the clearing of lands with a

slopes greater than 25% and requiring that a management plan be presented and approved in order to resolve any timber concessions. In the same year executive decree 1086-62 established the *Ministerio General Forestal* (General Forestry Department), an institution commonly referred to as FORESTA that was placed in charge of issues related to national forestry. The immediate impacts of the new Forestry Law and FORESTA were negligible. In the ten years following the death of Triunfo, State-owned or ex-landowner timber concessions and degradation of the forests of the Cordillera progressed at an even greater rate than before (Antonius et al. 1973, Cuatrecasas 1985). Foresters, landless-occupants and opportunistic land grabbers instead taking advantage of the breakdown of State controls steadily stole forests, park lands and abandoned timber concessions, securing their claims through clearing land and re-occupation of traditional agricultural and pastoral practices (Cuatrecasas 1986).

More important, however, were continued unregulated commercial logging activities. Under Article 343 of Law 5634-62, the Government of Agriculture retained the right to sell trees on State lands, including those within national parks, and by all accounts made widespread use of that right. No effort was made to encourage the selective logging or reforestation of these lands by the commercial holders. Indeed, under the new law reforestation became the responsibility not of the state, but of a weak State with little institutional capacity to ensure that task. Lumber-companies wasted no time in taking advantage. Between 1962 and 1967 the number of male and commercial operations increased from approximately 63 to 178 (Munizaga 1986, OMAPIAM 1963).¹

International Investment in Natural Resources Policy: the 1967 CIES Study

Between 1968 and 1969, CIES consultants carried out a major Natural Resources Inventory of the Dominican Republic. The purpose of the study, according to the CIES,

was to "create a national resource data base for development planning, to help planners identify projects for immediate implementation, and to enable the Dominican Government to plan longer range resource development activities for resource-rich areas" (CIA 1944). The final report included integrated maps depicting vegetation, land use, hydrology, geology, soils and land capability, population distribution, and transportation networks. It proposed projects in irrigation, drainage, flood control, crop diversification, and agricultural production, as well as research programs in mining, underground water resources, forest conservation, and national park development (CIA 1967 and 1984). In essence, the study provided a basic framework for rationalizing the exploitation of the country's natural resources within the context of a modernized Dominican economy.

Regarding the importance of the Cordillera, the report portrayed a scenario in which there was a clear incompatibility between the presence of a rural mountain peasantry and of an increasingly modern and developed Dominican State. The study emphasized, for example, that the true *raison d'être* of the country's geography was not agricultural but rather production. Also, an analysis of rainfall patterns painted a grim picture, even for the prospects of the ongoing commercial exploitation of timber. The study reported that only 11.7% of the national territory remained covered with commercially valuable forest. The study further defined deforestation and soil erosion as the country's major resource-degradation problems. The uncertainties surrounding the timber trade in the Cordillera Central, where there were approximately 80 legal concessions in 1967, but it is not known how many of those were active (Quirós 1990: 181-82) as well as the "excessive population densities" in the mountains of the Cordillera as the primary agents of the ongoing ecological deterioration (CIA 1984).

In response to the study, the State adopted severe measures. In 1963, President Balaguer banned the harvesting of all live trees and ordered the closing of all commercial lumber mills, a restriction that continues in force today, three and a half decades later. The decree also established strict prohibitions on the sale and export of lumber. Furthermore, in the same year under Law 288 the General Forestry Directorate was transferred from the Secretariat of Agriculture to the Directorate Armed Forces. The law cited the "organization and discipline for civil action" of the military and the police as the reason the measure was adopted (García 1987).³ Again, even stricter measures were adopted in 1964 when Executive Decree 3777 prohibited the new militarized Forestry Service from issuing any cutting permits except in "extraordinary circumstances" and only with the direct approval of the President of the Republic. The measure was taken, according to the decree, primarily to protect the Tavera and Valdeón dams which were under construction at the time.⁴

These new State policies signaled impending economic doom for residents of the Cordillera. In 1967, only weeks after the enactment of the decrees, anthropologist Gerald Murry arrived to conduct fieldwork in La Loma, a small hamlet in the northeastern Cordillera Central. Murry was immediately struck by the impact of the new measures:

This spelled economic disaster for almost everyone in the village. The principal means of income, even to be without jobs, and no professions were threatened to find these new jobs. The squatter farmers, whose hilly plots of land produced well for them or in the short three years, of income had to seek new plots every five years, which involved cutting down the pine trees which covered the hills. Since this was now to be strictly prohibited (and the prohibitions enforced the prohibitions had existed but was loosely enforced), their source of sustenance was literally ripped away from them. In effect the entire community had been condemned by government decrees to economic death. (Murry 1967: 1)

Forest Conservation: 1970s through the 1990s

Between 1970 and the present, international organizations such as the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), UNCAF and the United Nations sponsored major studies on the Dominican environment (FAO 1973, CHAPMAN 1983, UNCAF 1987) and the OAS produced two more major regional studies (OAS 1977, OAS 1978). The reports continued to focus on the same issues as those reported in the 1967 OAS report, emphasizing, above all, problems brought on by the ongoing degradation of the forests in the mountainous regions of the country. The reports expressed concern for the plight of the campesinos but little sympathy for their traditional peasant strategies, pointing toward the agricultural practices in the mountains must be transformed.

The state responded to the reports with the enactment of conservation legislation, most notably legislation that took legal out of circulation and preserved it as the forest of parks, forests, reserves and buffer zones. Law 827 of 1977 declared it to be of national interest for the State to use, protect, and acquire lands as all environmental areas of the country, including the Cordillera Central, the Sierra de Bahoruco, the Sierra de Mayab, the Sierra de Martín García, the Sierra de el Yaque, and the Cordillera Septentrional. That entire region was placed under a special protection provision to be managed by FORISTA and the National Institute of Hydraulic Resources (INERH) the institution responsible for the country's dams.

The new emphasis on the growth of the tourist sector in the 1980s provided yet another strong incentive for park development and the implementation of forest conservation policies. For example, in the 1970s, the Cordillera region between Imbabura and Cotacachi was declared to be for hills, paleo-herons (historically tourist jobs), with the attraction being the fresh mountain forests of the Cordillera. In 1981, with the support of

the Gulf and Western Company, *Parque Nacional del Este* (East National Park) was established in the proximity of the first sugar resort in the Dominican Republic, the *Casa de Campo* Resort, constructed by Gulf and Western. International consultants drafted the early plans for developing this park as a tourist attraction.

With the formation of the *Departamento Nacional de Parques* (National Parks Directorate better known as DNP) protected area formation accelerated in the 1980s and 1990s. Between 1980 and 2000 the State set aside 61 new national parks, wildlife reserves, and ecological buffer zones (FERNÁNDEZ 2000). By January 2002, 18% of Dominican land and 17% of Dominican territorial waters fell within one of nine categories of protected areas (Table 4-1).

Table 4-1. The Dominican protected area network

DNP Category	Number of entities	Total area (km ²)	Surface area (km ²)	
			Terrestrial	Marine
Wildlife reserves	16	439	546	94
National parks	22	6480	6029	1126
National monuments	15	246	193	99
Wildlife refuges	3	19577	273	25368
Other	26	346	503	79
Total	78	15494	7642	27646
Percentage of DE			36	12

Source: Adapted from URSAC (2000: 23)

Impacts on Competitive Adaptation

The de facto consequences of the restriction of competitive access to the factors of production, direct use of the publicly formulated objectives of the State policies, was the creation of a pressure that would force them to leave the Cordillera highlands. FORESTA agents were instructed to stop up pressure restricting small-scale agriculture, the cutting or clearing of coffee groves, and livestock grazing (both native and on the outskirts of the parks). Besides surveillance and repression, the strategy employed by the State

included increasing agricultural credits in areas near to the parks. A prohibition on the hunting of bird pigs (the *puercos*, *floros* or *puercos* *chismosos*, as most species generally considered) used to be an aspect of environmental-instruction) constituted a direct attack against the mestizo ideology. Compechinos of the Cordillera were even completely denied use of areas that had constituted the base for the peasant girdles up of the early part of the 20th century, the very areas where their grandparents and great grandparents had originally sought refuge from forced recruitment into the service of caudillos and other elements of State control. Even in areas that were not off-limits to peasants, legislation restricting land use gave the State the foothold needed to slowly choke off other peasant subsistence practices, something evident in the domain of livestock free grazing.

Free Grazing in Armando Bermúdez National Park

Beyond the breaking up of the common commons into individual holdings, there have been two State measures used to eliminate the traditional practice of free grazing in the highlands of the Cordillera. The first involves the declaration of agricultural areas in areas in which free grazing had prevailed. These areas were called *la Zona*. The other method was called the *Permiso Pastoral* (Pastoral Permit) and it involved the required registration and paying taxes on livestock free range within the park.

Agricultural areas

Despite the formal break-up in the late 1930s of the common lands in the Sierra region of the Cordillera the agro-pastoral complex continued to be practiced there into the late 1950s and even perhaps into the 1980s.¹ One strategy adopted by the State to end the practice was linked to the designation of vast areas as agricultural zones or coffee zones, called by locals *la Zona*. The use of the term *agropecuaria* (agropecuaria) some- or some-*agropecuaria* (or *la Zona*) extends back to the Trujillo period and has been used by the

State to forest the expansion of cash crops or export crops, primarily coffee, at the expense of the livestock economy. In some cases, within a designated agricultural or coffee zone animals must be tethered or restricted within a fenced pasture.

Many locals clearly remember the arrival of horses in their communities. In some cases, the State simply declared a particular area to fall within a zone and the locals had to respond accordingly. In other cases, the zone designation prompted significant conflict among rancheros in light of the emergence of two mutually opposed systems. For example, as is much of the case of the western Cordillera, the pioneering families of *Llanos en Curva* lived on communal or State lands and the local economy was based on the agro-pastoral complex. Elders report that in the late 1950s and early 1960s outsiders in search of land began to establish themselves in the area. These individuals owned few animals. The majority of these focused on cash cropping, especially coffee and to a lesser extent short cycle and seasonal crops.

Due to the fact that free grazing continued to predominate in the region, the new agriculturalists were required to build strong enclosures fences to protect their crops from roving livestock, in the same fashion that the locals did. These new arrivals owned few animals and found the task of building and repairing fences burdensome and to limit the expansion of their farming activities. For the traditional rancheros whose livelihoods emphasized herding, the building of the enclosures around the coffee was also laborious but the idea of abandoning the use of the enclosures to raise few animals within enclosed pastures represented economic suicide. The open pastureslands upon which their herds depended would be eliminated, and the number of animals they could raise would be limited by the small size of their personal land holdings. It was not long before the

conflict over productive strategies created local social ferment and exploded into a political struggle.

In the early 1970s, in the heart of the marshes, the farmers began to organize in favor of the area being declared a game wilderness. Early on, however, the traditional ranching families retained the wealthier and more powerful families in the marshes. These families maintained close ties with Salazar's Reformista party, the dominant force in national politics from 1966-1978. Throughout this period they were able to retain effective political control over the marshes and successfully resist against the state initiatives.

The political tide changed in 1978 when a PRI2 presidential victory ended Salazar's 12-year reign. The new local alcalde of the marshes, a PRI2 appointee, asked many the farmers in support of the area wilderness initiative. By then time the farmers had become the majority group in the marshes. The area initiative was submitted to a local referendum and changed victorious. This initiated the progressive destruction of local livestock raising and favored the emergence of a local economy increasingly oriented toward the production of wildlife.³

The pasture permits system

The publiclands provided the last remaining refuge for ranchers wishing to continue the practice of free grazing livestock. As occurred all around the park, many ranchers from Lower San Carlos defied park regulations and released their animals into the Escuderos National Park. Although the owners of animals refused harassment and even the confiscation of their animals, park enforcement remained weak and the prescriptions against using the publiclands for pasture were met with opposition from local authorities.

For example, many park rangers and local government officials themselves raised concerns within the park.

In the late 1980s this began to change. In an interview, the park administrator during that period stated that while raising within the reserves issues on lands "very steep and unsuitable to horses and, for that reason, constitutes a serious management problem, although we do not have any specific studies regarding the carrying capacity and environmental impact generated by this activity."¹ He also stated that grazing within the park increases the likelihood of forest fires triggered by debris piles extended in encroaching the margins of bush pastures. The DNP therefore launched a program designed to gradually end the use of the park as an area for grazing livestock. The program was called *Permano Pastoral* (*Pastorale Permanente*), meaning the park administrator intended in 1988 as having had the "desired effect" of progressively eliminating the livestock from the park without providing limited social services.²

The *Permano Pastoral* system required cattle owners to register all of their animals that were in the park. Unregistered animals found in the park were confiscated and the introduction of new animals was prohibited. Next, the campesinos were required to pay an annual tax for each animal registered. Early in the program, the tax was low and the campesinos responded favorably to the initiative. The DNP was able to use the system to register the cattle present in the park and identify the owners. But then the DNP steadily increased the livestock tax. In light of increased vigilance by authorities and the increasingly burdensome tax, the campesinos soon began to voluntarily remove their animals from the park. By the late-1990s only wealthier landowners and a few rebellious campesinos changed from grazing their livestock within park borders. Along with the breaking of the historic consensus, the cattle agrarians and the *Permano Pastoral* had

essentially brought an end to the activity around which the traditional agro-forestal complex in the remote highlands of the Cordillera was organized.⁴

Forestry from FORESTA and Tree Cutting

Conservation policies also brought pressure to bear on more traditional peasant subsistence activities. Forestry policies that prohibited even very small-scale cutting and use of wood without a permit are viewed by the campesinos as the most oppressive of the FORESTA regulations. In the words of Miguel, a 34 year-old farmer from Las Pintas: "if people paid attention to the Forestry Service, we wouldn't even use firewood from the park, because not even fire [is allowed]... They even want to prohibit us from cooking firewood and-kind sticks."⁵

Besides the collecting of firewood, other violations of the forestry law include the killing or damaging of past crops when clearing or burning a terrain and the cutting of trees without permission, even on one's private property, for house or other farm operations. These constitute violations that are generally seen as a real violation of environmental respect, but the problem can be solved. Compensation upon being detained or jailed for weeks at a time by District Heads is complete violation of laborer respect rights. Take for example the case of Francis from Las Pintas:

I have been held by FORESTA three times. The last time was for seven days, in San Juan de los Rios (in the District Office of FORESTA). When I was constructing these new houses (work sticks) they found me with seven sticks (stacks) of pine and they put me in jail for seven days. Those sticks ended up costing me a lot, and they kept the sticks.

I didn't have to pay a fine because those days what they say they do is give a punishment to the offender? that one of the things that the law prohibits is when a person enters his park, or land his or more than 48 hours without being tried and sent to jail. I told the lieutenant that I wanted him to call Santiago and see what he was going to do with me because you can't hold me here for more than 48 hours. He said: no, this is a matter of the Forestry Service. So I told him "Well, then FORESTA must be the owner of the Republic or of the Dominican Constitution."⁶

There are many similar stories of denigrations, many much longer, and conflicts with local Forestry agents and FORESTA officials especially over the cutting of logs and the gathering of pests.

The constant pressure and harassment by Forestry agents and Park guards has slowly extinguished most of those now illegal activities, especially within the protected areas. For example, the making of cornices within both parks has been almost completely controlled. "People aren't like they were before, people really became concerned and stopped going there" stated an elderly woman from Los Pinos. The ongoing pressure by Forestry agents and Park guards eventually takes its toll. For example, besides imprisonments and fines, Forestry agents are accused of other abusive behaviors such as purposely releasing animals into illegally planted cornices to destroy the crops. This occurred in a window in Los Pinos when, after her husband passed away, had been allowed to live within Barro Colorado National Park, just across the park boundaries.

After they took away her cornice she became depressed, couldn't take it. It is sad, she is also poor. That poor woman put that hope and she left the community taking her kids. They didn't put her in jail when they did not defend her cornice.

Similarly, Paula stated, "I finally had to abandon a piece I had up there [in the park]

Because that is the mythos that they have, is keep attacking people until they will move."

The widespread complaint lately that the government politicians and incompetent Forestry agents and Park Guards are at fault for their maladministration. The story told by El Delicados, a company's leader and Cedralba director, from a decade close to Los Pinos, is reflective of this perspective. El Delicados wanted to cut down those pine trees on his property to make operations on his house.

So they told me that I had to request a permit, and I did that. They told me I had to pay the same State roads, as I went to the Internal Revenue office and I thought: the only... But when I go to the local Forester to deposit my submission, he read the whole Forestry law to me, that you can't cut your neighbors' pine with it electronically or by hand. So I said to him "where does the law say that a person has to live in a caraván? The law doesn't say that. But I have to live because I am a person." So I had already paid for the roads, I had requested a permit and it was denied.

Conclusions

Conservation during the post-Triplicore era was driven by urban-oriented development priorities, principally: 1) the construction of hydroelectric dams to provide cheap energy to a booming urban population, 2) the expanding need for possible water amongst the growing urban populations, and 3) the expansion of the urban-based manufacturing and tourism sectors. A growing worldwide conservation movement championed by large governmental agencies such as the OAS, USAID, the German GTZ and the Swiss SDC/VEKA also affected changes during this period. The funds provided by these organizations gave way to a burgeoning domestic conservation movement resulting in the emergence of a multitude of conservation-oriented NGOs.

The new conservation laws took root away of land away from the campesinos and began to reduce many of their traditional subsistence strategies. The consequences of these policies amounted to a direct assault on peasant livelihoods and living standards. But as will be shown in the next chapter, in the face of steadily declining living standards little was done to help the campesinos make the transition to a different lifestyle.

Notes

¹Demographic projections from the project for the hydroelectric dam was one of the primary goals of the other Chilean leaders was (part of) to take advantage of the hydroelectric potential of the forest regions of the Cordillera Central in the near future to financing the growth of the urban populations' (Santiago to promote the latter to support the establishment of various kinds of industrial. Turismo also stated the following:

There is no correspondence between agricultural and manufacturing activities in the Chilean economy: systematic consequence of the national policy economy. The non-expanding agricultural sector

rather, as a result of the increasing mechanization of agricultural production, prices that are favorable to the producers of the state, but the (implicit) capitalizing system is aimed at maintaining these prices above levels because in that way it will guarantee low wages (labor with fixed salaries). In any case, the state is "supporting" the producers as one form of another price support (the price stabilization is taking manufacturing as one sector). An example of the situation is reflected in the Central Office where the agricultural (CA) price level stabilizes in the lowest, precisely because it is the subsector that most needs state subsidies or mechanization. For the same reason, the price also maintains the stabilizing position of language (try to find someone in the production of livestock using the following sentence: "The past year should have few people, we have no design better system" to challenge the support agricultural productivity sufficient economic resources, when the government supports, in fact, these mechanisms with more strength than when it supports itself will give not with the production of energy, hence the governmental support (national economy, housing, etc.) by the state) and hence the mechanization that works in "control" way to provide things like in the city, which will be in abundance, most self-design" (Yanes 1992: 113, note 1).

¹⁸ The available sources do not agree on the exact number of earthquakes in 1940. For example, although GONZALEZ (1983) and MARTINEZ (1993) both agree on 171 deaths in 1940, apparently not all of these were active. For instance, in 1940 the Annual Report of the Secretaría General showed documented 17 active landslides that increased a total of 14,000 (77 against loss of houses). In decrease year (1940) the Department of Agriculture reported 10 14 new landslides, continuous recording, the rating of 19 140 persons, 400 houses were 100 killed (note that 140 other landless ones). But it is not specified whether these mechanisms were produced in existing mills or in from new mills. Furthermore, that year the Government of a previously reported providing 1000 mechanisms for the clearing of a total of 20 000 hectares for agricultural purposes. The small number is clearly in contrast of a total of 1400 earthquakes. In this sense, likely explanation, that the data simply was not really something serious making it the majority of the country during the period. What is very likely is that there were great governmental record keeping during the period most questions regarding the accuracy of the data.

¹⁹ Each member of the Armed Forces was called upon to enforce the law within "communities" before the country. The obligation to generate war from resources from villages of dependence or dependence that could reduce 10% citizens (1970). The Armed Forces was further instructed to maintain permanent military posts at least near the boundaries of towns.

²⁰ In August of 1980, with the passage of the new General Law of the Government (Ley General de GOBIERNO), was taken away from the military and turned over to the newly formed Secretariat of the Environment. This occurred at the time that the work for the distribution was being completed, and for this reason the military cannot have able to have any reliable conclusions regarding the impact of any new forestry policies being enacted by the Government, although small agreements are that very strict policies have emerged.

²¹ The only case of the country in which the first passing of state mechanisms is never a thing the square mechanism area of the Department of the Interior. The long system of income a comparison does not exist in these areas, however (Murray and 1990).

²² New members of land groups (the farmers and the newly members, however the development of the coffee sector, due to the fact that they say it has already begun available options for production systems. They say that the fact, consumers come make for that (on the most everybody) and here, if today they choose most cases a result. In fact, not only in La Paz and Chiriquí but also in many of the communities surrounding the PMAE. They say that their quality of life has increased substantially due to policies that have resulted in the progressive development of national forestry economy.

²³ The public administration also acknowledges that the problem has not been completely resolved. Some attempts, for example, landless offerings of political entities surrounding areas (they are in government is unacceptable with the state). Furthermore, some local efforts also disagree with the policy regarding access to the park. In the northwest of the park, the shallow landscape of the mountainside tend to support the growing of banana in the park due to the fact, among others, that one of the local ways open

which the monopolists depend for success is that which is derived on the local businesses. Other countries do not and therefore have made use of the fact as a dominating feature. Two parties combine their opposing companies (struggle to continue) without by doing advantage of each another interest, as it discussed further in chapters 11 and 12.

² The IMF also increased the Agricultural Bank to cover providing loans for livestock as well as the other parts.

³ During this period, as a prohibition on use of a line, the officials were required to work in the local government office under the law for the planning of meetings.

⁴ These other rights of the constitutionally established before corporations in this corporation is very common. We had learned these rights through using a credit granted by an IMF and by a Catholic priest in Santiago. This IMF law concerned the providing money to companies located in some such as housing and commercial rights and a use of the law corporations that is reported thoroughly by most companies of the region.

CHAPTER 8 CONSERVATION, CONTRABAND AND POWERHOLDERS

Introduction

Strict policies centered in the late 1980s prohibited the exploitation of the forest resources of the Cordillera based on the argument that the conservation of these resources was critical for the economic prosperity of the Dominican Republic. Conservation also became described as a civic and patriotic duty. However, the strict conservation laws did not apply to all. In the post-Trotsky Dominican Republic, exceptions could be made to all laws if one had money or influence—political connections. Virtually all governmental services—professional assistance, customs/clearing, police services, judicial services, and permits—were on sale to the highest bidder. Even obtaining basic government documents such as the cédula (new ID card), driver's license, passports, and the *Acta de Buena Conducta* (Good Conduct Form) in a prompt manner required paying officials or intermediaries at least a “tip.” For that reason, Dominicans frequently repeat expressions like *¡Ay! es un país en que si uno tiene dinero, uno vive como un príncipe* (This is a country in which if one has money, one lives like a prince). Ability to bribe officials or mobilize the right political relationships represented freedom and privilege.

As will be discussed below, the conservation of the natural resources of the remote highlands of the Cordillera became subject to the same preferential system. With the implementation of strict forestry laws, access over natural resources in the Cordillera

was shifted from the lumber mills and the companies to the militarized FORESTA officials, politicians, and the park sector. These institutions and their representatives, especially the institutions of the forest resources and conservation areas, often took advantage of their control over the subsector of resources that had been made off-limits to unregulated companies. The natural resources of the Cordillera came up for sale. The military-controlled Forestry service negotiated direct access to land, timber, and other natural resources. Politicians interested in procuring votes also readily sacrificed the interests of conservation. Improved companies (and later Haitian workers) were used either as companies or to partly the costs of resources being controlled and monopolized by these powerful institutions.

FORESTA and Paying of Bribes

Companies frequently complain that it is not the small farmers but the aggressive FORESTA agents and officials who benefit directly from the strict application of conservation laws.¹ Locals in the Cordillera complain that the true control institutions (potential enemies) are the Forestry guards and higher officials. Another frequent protest is that the Forestry agents are not professionals but political appointees who often use their position to abuse their power and extort timber and money. Stories of abuses of power range from detaining companies or small or false charges in order to pressure and extort the aggrieved farmer's wife/husband and executives or average small members of opposition political parties, to the widespread colonization of bribes.

Interviews with Foresters confirm the statements made by the companies. For example, a 12-year veteran of the Forestry Service, explained that the higher Forestry officials have increasingly benefited from the sale of the Transportation Permits (Cartera de Rutas) for timber, which in his words is a great source of lucrative business.²

Similarly, a former local Forestry agent from a community around Jaramba explained that he knew provided incentives that Forestry agents were to collect a bribe of no less than US\$500 per tree from violators who, if not able or willing to pay that amount, should be detained. Another informant, "El Chino," was heavily involved in clandestine logging in the late 1980s:¹²

Those who benefited from the coordinated logging out of the protected area were FORESTA. Because if they caught me with 500 feet of timber, they would take it from me and divide it up amongst the foreman. I didn't touch anything. The forestry agent who grabbed me also didn't touch anything. He simply had to comply with his job. It isn't the lower Forestry agents who really benefit, because if you are a FORESTA boss and you want to drink a rocking chair, or a cabinet for your house, a bedframe set, a good bed, and you have taken away a coordinated of 500 feet, you weren't going to report to the District that you had 500 feet. You would tell them, "Oh, I got 500 feet of wood!" And 400 feet you would divide it up for other purposes. That is the main reason that FORESTA were able to so fast.¹³

Complainants across the region share the experience that the local Forestry bosses divide the spoils—bribes, timber and poach proceeds appropriated from violators and even the fines that are imposed. Another complaint that informant Forestry officials but as bosses constructed of genuine wood filled with luxurious furnishings fabricated from the valuable timber they had appropriated from poor complainants.¹⁴ They report that Forestry agents would exaggerate violators in order to extract larger bribes or fines than those deserved and, in order to preserve their take, would knowingly and purposely let spotted violators to finish extracting a significant amount of timber or poach before arresting them. In summary, the complainants attribute the corruption of the FORESTA to the selfish motives the Forestry agents had for applying the law. In the words of an informant "FORESTA isn't autonomous, every time there is a change in government there is a change in Forestry agents. And these rapidly change into corruptocrats."¹⁵

The Big Farmers

State intervention has increasingly provided the range of peasant subsistence activities and sought to control the range of activities of the Dominican peasantry. The government passed laws decreasing the area of the lands that peasants lived on and farmed, regulating times and area of agricultural production, and government price controls and industrial policies determined what they could profitably produce. Policies that focused on the campesino as a agent of environmental destruction served as a justification for policies that curtailed peasant access to their livelihoods. But when conservation has not resulted in the economic interests of power holders, a reverse rhetoric has at times been employed. Creation for the welfare of the campesino and their right to make a living becomes used as a justification for policies that deplete the environment. One use of this rhetorical tactic was presented in chapter 5, when the lumber companies disputed Costa's park laws by arguing that they prevented impoverished peasants from producing their livelihoods. The same tactic was used in a recent expansion of large-scale agro-industrial farming into the highlands along the borders of Barro Colorado Park.

In 1983, in response to a large forest fire in the heart of Yunque Reserve, near the core study community of Las Vegas, a new scientific reserve was formed (Martinez 1994). The initial limits of the reserve covered a highly populated area, a consequence of the fact that lands within the reserve had remained under the control of two families that had, up until 1967, operated lumber mills in the area. The formation of the reserve immediately created a conflict with the families that claimed to hold legal title to lands in the reserve who were not compensated for their lands. At the time, the borders of Las Vegas, located close to the borders of the new reserve, only contained approximately 30 households some of whom also rented lands within the park.

In the late 1980s, however, there was an expansion of intensive agricultural production within the park. In light of diminishing yields in the valley, several prominent Constantine farmers moved to lands along and within the limits of the reserve where they initiated the intensive production of vegetables. The occupation of the lands by the Constantine-based farmers was facilitated by the fact that there had strong connections to the local Reformists political party.⁵ Once established, these large landowners leveraged their political influence by facilitating the occupation of the area by smallholding campesinos, migrant workers primarily from the south. Local informants report that both these migrants also entered the park, upon "missing and lost," the color of the more Reformists party.⁶ Local politicians from the party instruct to maintain their voting base claimed that the authorities did not interfere with the occupations of the park.

The new campesino occupants were given small parcels of land to clear and the big farmers underwrote the costs of fertilizers, pesticides, and irrigation. By 1996, a study conducted by the Secretariat of Agriculture reported 285 families living and working within or along the margin of the reserve. Over 1 000 hectares of land within the reserve was being farmed using intensive agro-industrial techniques (i.e., agro-chemicals and irrigation).

It was no secret to the Secretariat of Agriculture that in reality this land was concentrated in the hands of a few owners. According to the SRA report, five landowners (3.7%) held 30% of the area being exploited within the reserve (approximately 4500 hectares). Another 64 families (22.5%) were middle-sized farmers occupying 7641 hectares (approximately 110 hectares per family). On the other hand 75.3% of the occupants (214 families) occupied only 4500 hectares (27%). These families exploited small plots of less than 30 hectares each (Alonso 1994).

The *Secretaría*'s study was utilized as a response to mounting pressure to address institutions related to the reserve. In the early 1950s, representatives from farmer and ecological associations in Cuernavaca began to complain their activities in the reserve, specifically the damming and extraction of water from the headwaters of the Rio Grande (the river that feeds the irrigation systems in the valley of Cuernavaca), was threatening their already-overstressed water supply.

In response to this study, a 1954 internal resolution of the National Parks Directorate ordered the inhabitants of the park border displaced. A full military brigade was mobilized. The soldiers bulldozed houses and other infrastructure in the park. But before the peasants were entirely driven out of the area, President Salazar ordered the displacement halted. It was a standoff. All agricultural activity in the proximity of the reserve was punished by decree. But the small-compensated stayed put. FORESTA provided weekly rations for the families while maintaining strict controls restricting all land use in the area.

The 1954 displacement initiated a four-year political struggle between the government and the farmers living on the outskirts of the reserve. The large landowners, individuals from influential families who received little sympathy from the public for their "plight," requested the smallholding campesinos join an association and used the association as a front before the national press. Furthermore, in order to attract sympathy for their cause they spread the story that the 215 farming families affected by the displacement had been working in the park for more than 40 years.¹ In the meantime, they—the large landowners who were politically connected—went to work behind the scenes. In 1958, after four years of impasse, an agreement was struck between the new

PLD government, landowners and small farmers living along the northern limits of the reserve. The displacement order was lifted.¹⁰

It would appear that the pressure had now the standard and that at least in this respect the political momentum that had been sweeping peasants from the mountains for almost half a century had been reversed. The government officials who lifted the displacement described the move as necessary in light of the smallholding experiment. According to the FODESTA director of the time: 'I am from the camps (landless) and I have to tell the pain of the men and women of the camps and what we are doing is indispensable' (June 1964). The official claimed that the displacement was lifted as an example of the fact that state was left-epochal movement. It was to be a new 'sustainable development' approach implemented by the government. FODESTA provided the campesinos with co-operatives and co-operations, and agreements were signed that farmers would be paid to prevent soil erosion and that no agrochemicals would be used in the area.

But the story could hardly be the large landowners and the government. It justifies the lifting of the displacement was a failure. It was clear to all involved and anyone who bothered reading the news that the campesinos who were supposedly the focus of the economy were not long-term traditional residents of the region (Arenas 1984). They were rural semi-proletarians and sharecroppers, recent immigrants from the dry north. In the park and along its borders they lived in small, densely settled roadside hamlets surrounded all week long and they spent most of their working hours employed as paid labourers in the fields and for owners of large landowners. The large landowners facilitated their access to land and provided them agrochemicals, seeds, and irrigation, so that they would produce potatoes and other vegetables. Consequently, in order to improve their

claims to the park area, the large landowners used the image of threatened traditional peasants in rhetorical situations to define the conservation groups.

There were powerful economic motivations behind the lifting of the displacement. While the lands in the valley of Cochuca increasingly degraded by years of intense exploitation and the elimination of the soils due to years of unmanaged irrigation, the region around the park provided fertile lands for the massive production of potatoes and vegetables. Since the lifting of the displacement, the region has begun to shed its air to surpass the valley of Cochuca in terms of overall agricultural production. Peasants and front-end loaders heavily remove beridiers and re-contour the landscape. New trucks transport workers into the area and leave the area loaded with sacks of enormous potatoes, pink onions, large cactus and heads of cabbage that weigh over a pound. It almost changed for the supposed agreement upon which the displacement was rewarded, empty bags of industrial fertilizers and pesticides like the ones eaten of vegetation. Irrigation pipes run under up over the very park itself.

The activities along the borders of Rancho acacahual, like the lumber mills of the past, is environmentally devastating attack on the park. But these activities clearly are not those of traditional peasants, but rather sophisticated and politically connected agro-industrialists with vested capital who have used campesinos as a threat to justify their claims to park resources. The peasants were heavily set up as the agents of someone else's ecological heaven. And once again, the political weight of capital demonstrated that when not economically expedient, conservation was expendable.¹⁰

Conclusion

In this chapter it was seen that despite great conservation laws, Rancho, park guards and powerful stakeholders often stepped in and made healthy profits on the

protected' resources of the forest. As had occurred during the Tugela era, there stood with the State—in this case case Forestry guards, officials, and spy-infestations with political and financial capital—much advantage of their positions. Guards protected companies for bushes while at the same time they often exploited the park resources for their own use, grazing cattle and angling along illegal rivers to park timber. Meanwhile, as a trade-unionist of the lumber companies, spy-infested rivers used depressed companies as cheap laborers on their fields and as their laborers and as political pawns in their struggle against conservationists.

At the same time as conservation policies and spy-like State policies mirrored against the viability of companies life, ongoing efforts were being carried out in the numerous ranchably-located towards saving the companies in that alternative livelihoods and as participants in the transition to a modern industrialized economy. These efforts were lavishly funded by 'foreign aid' from developed economies, principally the United States but also Canada, Germany, Japan and other industrialized nations. The aid came in the form of consultants, new State bureaucratic institutions, NGOs, and operating funds. But as will be discussed in the next chapter in the same way as the resources of the Comiforest the 'assistance' became overwhelmingly concentrated by select educated urbanites, corporate elites, people with political contacts and government functionaries and politicians.

Notes

¹ The *Intervention Capitalist* is the post-World War II periodization from classismorphism to 'globalization'. The selective application of the term 'globalization' only to certain kinds of Third World cases is problematic. Nevertheless, the description that Brown (1994) provides of a 'globalization' state clearly matches the Comiforest situation.

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CHAPTER 18 THE BENEFACTARIES OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE COROLLERA

Introduction

Despite ecological corruption and political misappropriation of conservation laws, State conservationist policies can be viewed as an ecological success. The formation of protected areas, the closing of the lumber mills, the nationalization of the Forestry Service and State wage-like policies that isolated against the viability of campesino agriculture succeeded in slowing the rate of deforestation in many areas of the country and paralyzing if not reversing it in others. By 2004, USAID consultants reported "the loss of forest cover appears to be stabilizing; there is some suggestion of forest recovery"¹ (USAID 2004).

But it was a success that came with a human cost. In 1988, the year before the enactment of Tiapilla, 70% of the Dominican Republic was rural while the population grew at 2.1% making the country among the most rural and fastest growing populations in Latin America. Basic conditions of rural life were poor: only 11.4 percent of rural households had tap water available in their homes and only 1.9% had electric light; death rates from infectious, parasitic, genetic, nutritional and respiratory diseases were among the highest in all of Latin America, as were literacy rates (Chamorro 1993: 228-263, Evans 1988, Jara 1994, Lora 1983).²

In Sanchozules following Tiapilla's enactment, some progress was made in areas such as healthcare and education. For example, between 1988 and 1993 literacy rates climbed from 44.2% to 61.7% (PNLD 2000). Life expectancy increased from 51.6

as 156.6 to 17.7 years in 2000) – but what these statistics mean was elusive. The change in life expectancy was almost entirely a consequence of dropping infant mortality rates – from 102.2 per thousand in 1990 to 30 in year 2000 (CEPAI, 2000). Furthermore, other than life expectancy, progress made in “human development” indicators remained largely concentrated in urban areas (PNUD, 2000).

The region of my birthplace, the Cordillera, remained among the most marginalized regions. For example, a 1997 study of national poverty carried out by the government planning office (CONAPLAN) – using a model based on variables such as housing conditions, access to piped water, latrines, and energy, educational levels and employment – estimated that the municipalities surrounding the Borealis and Amador National Parks were among the most impoverished in the country. According to this study, 94.1% of the households in the municipality of Los Pinos are poor and 80% are indigent, meaning that the families generally are unable to meet daily calorie requirements and the majority of other basic needs are unmet. The same study indicates that in Los Pinos, 82.9% of the population is officially indigent.

Government and international agencies initiated a series of costly interventions aiming to address rural underdevelopment. But in this chapter it will be seen that while rural “development” projects proved to be a locus for opportunistic urban-based political and non-profit “entrepreneurs”, they did little to improve circumstances for the stranded beneficiaries who were impoverished campesinos. Non-governmental organizations – equipped “NGOs,” denigrating non-governmental organizations, by one senior observer of the Dominican “development industry” – captured project funds destined for rural development and then used them to pay single salaries of urban staff and to purchase paper and office equipment, much of which was used much more in the city of Santo

Donorship: there is the danger (Murray et al. 1994) that agencies mismanaged funds, often relaying them into the pockets of corrupt politicians. Equally damaging was the fact that "sustainable rural development" was essentially a euphemism for programs that reinforced the *cajeño* (like State policies that had undermined the viability of peasant life in the first place).⁴

Government and Rural "Development" Organizations

Government development programs in the northern Caribbean were, and still are, marked by recurring ineffectiveness. Evaluation of the programs emphasize the lack of trained personnel, the lack of coordination between institutions, overlaps in institutional functions, and the inefficient use of resources (ONAPLAN 1983, LUGER 1985 and 2000).⁵ But the interesting thing about these evaluations is that 1) the governmental institutions that were supposed to manage the funds were created by the evaluating organizations, and 2) the institutions performed exactly as they had been created, becoming very efficient at procuring, processing, and disposing of funds as desired by the donors.

The Dominican Secretariat of Agriculture (SEA) is a notable example of how the process worked.⁶ The SEA is the primary public agricultural agency in the Dominican Republic. From the early 1960s until the early 1990s approximately 30% of SEA's total budget came from donors, yet these funds comprised 50% of the SEA's operating budget. Government funds were absorbed in bureaucratic expenses such as salaries and building maintenance (Meyer 1992b). By controlling operational funding, donors, who were trying to promote their own foreign policy objectives, controlled decisions regarding the types of programs that could be implemented and institutional changes that would occur within SEA. And for Dominican "political entrepreneurs" or *desarrollis-*

makers: “the promise of donor funds and the opportunities for personal advancement served as adequate compensation to . . . supply the requisite change.” Donors promoted SEA to various projects that achieved success elsewhere yet “were based on assumptions that did not hold in the Dominican environment.”⁴⁷ Donors like always also “proved to be external rather than local” (Mayer 1993a:438) and donors proved to be highly fickle. In the absence of direct state results or a link with development funds, donor practices rapidly changed and funding was redirected to achieve different objectives. Yet donors seldom revised SEA, with many incentives to capture international funding, always proved obsolete in donor practices. Organizations such as USAID provided international consultants to assist in the organization or reorganization of projects and provide advice. Dominican professionals were not allowed to receive the requisite training to implement projects that would only last until the funding ran out.

It was not, therefore, the supposed clients, the rural farmers, whose needs were served and who benefited from attention and other SEA programs. Rather, the projects served the needs of the donor organizations—SEA’s true clients. The mostly urban-based Dominican “political-entrepreneurs and bureaucrats” benefited financially, in terms of increased prestige and through valuable contacts and opportunities. By the 1980s, when international donors abandoned the public sector to work with private non-profit organizations, SEA was left almost completely negative (Mayer 1993a).⁴⁸

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

In the 1980s, in light of the failure of initiatives financed through the public sector, donors began to focus on financing development initiatives through non-governmental organizations (Mayer 1993a). International donors almost began to function like venture capitalists for the non-profit sector. Influential Dominicans

Similarly, Wright shows that a NGO explore donor funds to launch new organisations and pilot projects.²

Funds were provided for the formation of NGOs in a broad number of sectors of strategic interest to donors, including conservation and rural agricultural development. The availability of donor funds produced a virtual explosion in the number of NGOs with Boards of Directors, suddenly seeking to capture development projects and identify suitable clients. Individuals from all walks-of-life claimed to form an "ONG" with the hope of landing a big project. Former high government officials used the postage, contacts and knowledge of the development sector acquired while in office to form their NGOs.

Much literature has been produced regarding the structural advantages and disadvantages of NGOs vis-à-vis public sector oriented development (e.g., Myers 1990a, Korten 1980). However, whether governmental maintenance of NGOs, the phenomenon of donor driven development had not changed. It was still the donors who were making decisions regarding how funds were spent and largely selected activities, and not rural people who were capturing the funds. NGOs were forced to focus not on what the people in rural areas needed but on what the donors believed they needed or wanted them to have. For many NGOs, the principal task was to demonstrate short-term compliance with donor-driven project objectives in order to qualify for further funding by the same or other donors. Relatively few important Dominican NGOs have managed to adhere to locally raised funds. In short, foreign funders and their rhetoric of developmental interests, and not the needs of rural clients, largely drove the process of rural Dominican development.

NGO domination was also manipulated both by locals and by international organizations for other political ends. For example, a prominent Dominican sociologist argues that during the politically tumultuous 1980s international organizations such as UNICEF used NGOs as a tool to keep off political agitation. Many former leaders of left-wing political groups came to direct NGOs and, as a result, they became dependent on international donor groups for income and thus controllable (Marcel Orin, pers. comm.). The lesson was not lost on local politicians. The Dominican Government has recently become a major donor in its own right. Dominican customs and representatives run questionable NGOs, legally formed by former government officials, as a means to attract political supporters or to capture public funds themselves. The 2000 national budget, for example, included over 12 billion pesos (approximately US\$160 million) in funding for over 1800 non-profit organizations (Cabrera 2005). The local press has reported widely on the controversy over the use of so-called "phantom" NGOs by legislators (Ramos 2004).

NGOs in the Cordillera

The picture of the NGO sector described above does not mean that within the sector of predatory organizations there is not a sub-segment of NGOs run by individuals deeply committed to meaningful development for rural farmers. Clearly, the NGOs that have been affiliated with the Catholic Church tend to have delivered the most consistent service in the Cordillera, have fought most vigorously for the interests of the campesinos, and are the organizations most respected by the campesinos. The reason for this includes the fact that the Catholic Church maintains a permanent institutional presence in the region and the network that parish churches across the region developed in development activities go beyond the cross-financial profits which clearly drive many of the fly-by-

eight NGOs headed by current or former government officials. Furthermore, the Christian affiliated organizations tend to be led by socially connected persons, generally with a Dominican theology background, who live with and maintain daily contact with the campesinos and are therefore more oriented towards producing meaningful development results for the church than for the donors.

Church-oriented NGOs rely on both public and private financing. Two prominent examples of these kinds of organizations that operate in the Cordillera region are CEFASA and the Junta de San Juan de los Rios. CEFASA's objectives have included providing training to campesino leaders primarily in local law and constitutional rights and in human rights including women's rights. CEFASA has also formed locally based women's cooperatives. The Junta de Desarrollo de San Juan de los Rios (although technically not in the study region), functions as a federation of locally based campesino associations. Organized originally by a Canadian (Saskatchewan) priest, Padre Luis Quina, who has maintained a consistent symbolic presence for over thirty years, the Junta has been active in organizing the campesinos to build schools, improve water supply and public and other rural infrastructure and to increase agricultural productivity. One example of the success of this organization in successfully producing positive development outcomes for campesinos is a via government managed initiative includes a project in which gravity driven irrigation was used as an incentive for campesinos to adopt soil conservation practices. The strategy adopted by the Junta, as well as the use of donor funds, proved much more successful and efficient in channeling funds to rural farmers, in promoting long term self-conservation and in producing meaningful economic benefits for farmers than a similar project managed by a government agency (Quinn 1994).

In the northern Cordillera the most frequently mentioned project inspired by faith is the Catholic Church in Plan Sierra. Plan Sierra is formally independent of the Catholic Church but was founded in 1979 with the inspiration and leadership of the Archbishop of Santiago who retained a long-distance personal presence in the Board of Directors of the project. Nevertheless, the organization was not as closely connected to the Church as the institutions mentioned above. Intended as an innovative “resource institution,” Plan Sierra operated with funding both from the Dominican government as well as private and international donor organizations.

In theory, the projects fostered by Plan Sierra were intended to alternate rural poverty. The idea was that improved management of the environment would increase productivity and thus provide a more sustainable living for the campesinos of the region. Programs promoted soil conservation through reforestation, coffee cultivation and the use of insect-control techniques on degraded hillside lands. Plan Sierra was also involved in infrastructure development, health and education programs (White et al. 1995). Plan Sierra also implemented a small pilot project for the community management of forests in which the government has promoted the felling and selling of part trees and training has been provided to locals who have established nursery workshops (USAID 2001).

Despite some success in achieving objectives in promoting conservation measures, in improving infrastructure in some of the rural communities and in providing farmers with education, Plan Sierra suffered many of the problems inherent in the NGO sector in the Dominican Republic. Efforts over the years have frequently been diverted by the political vicissitudes of both the State and the organization's leaders; its resources completely drained from the result of their campaign efforts. “Involuntary workers” enthusiasm for achieving conservation often overrode the interest in forwarding the

average, 80 percent of the campesinos. These campesinos in Los Pinos attribute earlier State control in Quezaltenango National Park during the early 1980s to Plan Sierra economic markets and forests who, they claim, also served as instruments to interfere on their activities in the park. Plan Sierra's strategies also pushed many campesino families towards exclusive dependence on coffee production, a strategy that failed when coffee prices crashed and Plan Sierra had no means to bail them out. In short, through the involvement of Catholic Church actors in development activities is questioned by modern quasi-deficient from the resource-scarce markets which never truly fly-by night "bureaucratic" NGOs, Church activities are vulnerable to the same constraints that limit other undertakings in the sector.

Other strategies, for example, such as promoting substitution of forest with commercial value, continue to be subverted both by the NGO staff and by broader State policies that protected them. In Los Pinos, for example, Plan Sierra promoted tree planting with very flexible credit terms. The credit program was being run through a second NGO that also assumed the pressure to obtain substitutions to cut the trees. A few farmers with larger landholdings attempted the project. Two farmers noted that, after seven years, the director of the organization secured the authorization to conduct the first thinning of the plantation. The trees were cut and transported to Santiago. But no money came back. The farmers never received payment for their wood. The excuse the director gave was that the hardwood does to which she said the lumber didn't pay her complaining of the low quality of the wood. But the farmers are now aware that the director absconded with the money. They have not seen her since.

In summary, although Church-based and inspired NGOs have provided some meaningful development outcomes for rural campesinos, these organizations flood an

upheld battle. The programs were often undermined by broader State macroeconomic and conservation-oriented policies that inhibited against the success of programs designed to provide campesinos with viable alternatives to deal with the poverty and deprivation associated with being deprived of their traditional subsistence base.

Conservation, Campesinos and NGOs

Equally incompatible with the endurance of traditional peasant livelihood strategies was the fact that the effort to provide campesinos with new economic opportunities became infused with the idea of conservation-conscious rural economic development, commonly called 'sustainable development'. Sustainable development became championed by foreign governmental sponsors such as the OAS, USAID, the German GIZ, and the Swiss HELVETAS. The funds provided by these organizations gave way to a burgeoning domestic conservation movement modeled as the emergence of a multitude of conservation-oriented NGOs. These organizations often proved much more successful in promoting conservation-oriented initiatives than in promoting economically meaningful ventures for campesinos. Most projects emphasized economic development through conservation, in particular reforestation and the adoption of soil conservation techniques. However, as will be discussed below, in the absence of broader political changes at the State level campesinos perceived rural conservation-oriented activities as contrary to their interests.

Shaping the Victim: Reforestation and Soil Conservation Initiatives

Despite the fact that development programs tend to be donor driven—responding to donor objectives rather than the needs of the campesinos—and that the majority of tangible benefits and resources from donor funds do not remain in the rural farmers, development agents tend to blame the campesinos for the failure of conservation and

"development" projects. The campesinos are implicitly accused of being the agents of their own "underdevelopment." Many development experts express frustration over campesino behaviour they perceive as positive resistance towards rural reformulation and urban farming extension projects.

Project directors often make deprecating remarks, sometimes even in the presence of campesinos, referring to them as ignorant, unable to accept what are 'clearly' rational ideas that will be to their advantage.¹ For the typically urban based development expert it is a frustrating experience. For example, despite the use of so-called participatory techniques, campesinos are expected to understand and confirm in the concepts, objectives and methods being used by donors and NGOs. As described in a recent evaluation on organizational capacity conducted for a 'participatory' project to recover the Yaque del Norte watershed,

[The campesinos] do not perceive the project as an opportunity in which they themselves can become actively involved through formulating requests for sub-projects that they have in mind. Instead [the campesinos] expressed that they were going to support the project and the experts in their activities. [The campesinos] view the project as a traditional type of assistance that will involve coordination among agencies regarding the need to achieve and preserve the natural resources in the watershed, a type of permanent campaign to raise over the decades to [support] the objectives of the project. This attitude requires that a strong effort be devoted to educating so that the message of the project is disseminated and to guarantee at least a minimal participation of the campesinos. (Plan-Coordilora 1996b: 104b, *trans.*)

As described in the document, campesinos almost always readily accept the idea of collaborating with outsiders in the realization of a project that they propose. Yet, once the project progresses beyond the construction of a road, the campesinos often undermine the work. Animals are allowed to graze in newly cultivated fields, a mysterious fire causes newly planted corn, pumpkins and eggplants, plants go unwatered,

Another example of compliance institutionalisation has been a certain resistance to reintroduction. Juvik (2001: 42) makes the point that conservation "brooks frustration" (Ullrich, 1996) and law-enforcement prove woefully frustrated by the "inflexibility" of the compliance. The compliance's failure to comply with the laws is often interpreted by decision-makers and states as the manifestation of the backwardness of the peasantry. The peasant response to the laws is not interpreted within the logic of peasant survival strategies but rather as a manifestation of ignorance regarding environmental processes and methods adherence to traditional practices. For decision makers, therefore, changing peasant behaviour towards the use of resources is often understood as requiring education and stricter enforcement of existing laws.

Such has been the case of reforestation projects in which the compliance have been held responsible for the failure of measures despite the fact that political and economic conditions clearly do not drive the planting of wood trees. Since the closing of the lumber mills in 1967, governments, development workers and the public at large have/should have been for deforestation of the country's mountains. According to Gordin (1998: 3), who worked for many years with an NGO project that implemented one of the only successful agroforestry projects in the country's history, the compliance have been viewed with policy makers as "largely ignorant or feckless as regards to environmental degradation, and its need of education in order to evolve from a 'tree-hater' to a conventional 'tree lover'" . In light of the passage of the strict new forestry laws in the late 1970s and donor-funded campaigns devoted to reforestation in the late 1970s and early 1980s (including 1982 which was declared by the government to be the "year of reforestation"), the cutting of trees became increasingly stigmatised as an "national security" and reforestation hailed as a civic duty. The prevailing official

national interests to emphasize the environmental predatory nature of campesino agriculture and the ignorance of farmers regarding the environmental and economic value of trees. As a result, reforestation (and other conservation projects) have focused largely on sustainable (conservation) forestry, environmental education, and "the direct value of reforestation" and disregarded the economic dimensions of reforestation for the campesinos.

But the prevailing legal framework only provided for planting trees for environmental protection and not for productive uses. Why would a campesino want to plant and protect a tree that was subsequently going to be used to drive extraction of the ecosystem and risk the de facto expropriation of his land? Promises of assistance in getting tree cutting permits are often paid when the person who makes the promise will not be around within 7 to 15 years of when the timber is harvestable. And while the urban based development expert, State officials, and the landowners and underlords share promises, the campesinos have become the true development experts, having witnessed the collapse and going of development projects for 40 years. Long after the development expert has settled into a comfortable urban job and no longer visits the Cordillera, campesinos must continue to live with the consequences of a failed project.

As discussed in the last chapter the campesinos have few resources to reform. Corruption and strict laws imply that a campesino can be jailed for killing a tree. Farmers have to pay fines and bribes even as their plots are viewed as a potential problem, wildlife-based forests that plots become a resource, and the planting of forest trees become regarded by campesinos as an opportunity to attract State interventions and free access to their lands. Nevertheless, development workers express tremendous

Evolution when colonization efforts are undermined by competitors that set example. There is then the newly colonized area is a classical fadist.

A similar situation applies to the implementation of soil conservation activities. Farmers played a field to control soil erosion by programs such as Plant Barriers are often neglected, used for grazing and allowed to do over project activities such as erosion for foragers, causing soil and tree coffee plants disappear. Once again, outside agents generally interpret these activities as the result of a kind of malfeasance of the competitors, a malfeasance caused in their children conservative nature, their ignorance and laziness. However, there are good reasons why farmers allow the barriers to degrade. One farmer explained the subject of the barriers in the following manner:

The people have finished off the barriers through lack of care. It is not that people reject the barriers, but the agricultural lands are small and the price of money isn't very cheap. The barriers reduce the amount of land that is available for the harvest, and people does not see the long term, they only see what they were able to plant a number of species (that they would be able to plant without the barrier).

As Murray (1994) points out: "the short-term, productivity-enhancing capacity of soil conservation measures to isolate—or the absence of such barriers breakthroughs in other technical or commercial domains—is quite reduced." Erosion control measures require investments in labor and/or the care of less harvested plants, often implying a labor or monetary sacrifice for competitors who are living from harvest to harvest on marginal profit margins.

Particularly acute are institutional projects that attempt to increase competition towards subsistence production through *jato-jato* and *Caliponcia*. These projects imply removing formerly subsistence based competitors who are being pushed into a cash-based economy by broader political and economic forces back into subsistence

production. Other projects include the provision of relatively low cost infrastructure: apartments, schools, and the introduction of solar panels with flexible payment terms. Nevertheless, there is a contradiction between the wage-like government policies that restrict land use and fail to provide any kind of income insurance, and those of the NGOs that were to be awarded towards stimulating people to stay in the rural areas through the provision of infrastructure and labor saving technologies. The overarching thrust of these policies remains that of gradually drawing the campesinos out of the mountains and around NGOs have a uphill battle. Although some of the development projects can claim success in meeting particular objectives, it is clear that few projects have significantly addressed the issues that prevent campesinos such as roads to livestock sales, paved roads, irrigation, access to non-degraded lands, stable and viable prices for their crops and jobs that pay a living wage.

Conclusion

From the time that Don Mario describes as almost a golden age in which the peasants lived a life largely outside the control of the State, wage like policies have increasingly eroded access by campesinos to resources required to maintain a viable livelihood. Rural development measures were supposedly designed to mitigate the consequences of these policies. However, the projects emphasized generating positive conservation outcomes over generating economically meaningful outcomes for peasants and in that way reinforced the wage like policies. Funds provided for education, infrastructure and soil conservation projects failed to provide the campesinos with viable, long term economic alternatives. There were no measures for small farmers to allow necessary forest management or to replace lost the soil conservation. Lands were taxed with payment or were taxed to the point where they would only produce through the heavy

application of incentives and penalties. At best, struggling church-based programs or NGOs provided training opportunities, basic infrastructure or gifts that companies could use to facilitate migration into the city.

Today, the contemporary Cordillera is blessed with the dizzying multitude of abandoned “development” projects: unkept fire barriers (called “energy farms”), eco-tourist lodges that have never received a visitor, grassroots organizations that exist in name only, well-built ranges of towns that were once part of ambitious reforestation projects. Donors have been consistently frustrated by the companies’ heavy receptivity to projects and then their failure to carry them out or sustain them. The companies are often blamed for the failure of the projects, either due to their stubborn misbehavior, laziness, indifference to individual values, or lack of education. But the misbehavior, both as construction and other kinds of development projects, most often lies in the fact that development projects don’t meet companies needs. Instead, the projects obstruct meet the desires of the donors and are often designed within the legal constraints imposed by the government.

The following chapters will show that many companies have remained in struggle in constant war of their traditional subsistence activities in the Cordillera. Nevertheless, the ultimate result of these historical processes has been to provide the demise of the traditional forms of life produced by Don Martin and to gradually drive the companies out of the mountains. The consequences of the lawsuits imposed on the logging economy of the Cordillera highlands have not been uniform but have had differential impact on young versus old and on males versus females.

Notes

¹ Similarly, income data from 1970 shows that for every economically active male reporting having received a wage the week before the census week there were 5.1 who worked without pay—implying that those who-to substantial opportunities were—served through the production and sale of home farm products. In contrast, in 1990 this ratio grew to ten for every 11 with the structure numbers of total wage earners remained virtually the same during the 16-year period (p.146 1990). In the same year, the number of males had available per person (male) of working age decreased from 54 to 39 males (KORAPLAN 1997).

² The discussions made with scholars are based largely on my experience working as a senior adviser at private public relations/public sector as the Director-General. Besides two years conducting research in the field, my experience in the Democratic Republic included two years as the Director of a small NGO two years working as a local level intermediary to a local firm with the Ministry of the Environment, and significant experience working as a consultant for organisations such as UNHCR, the GIZ, and The Nature Conservancy.

³ The discussion of their behaviour as official explicitly represents such as UNHCR work areas in light of the fact that the majority of the international governmental organisations were viewed with backing and material support from UNHCR itself or other international donors. It is also clear that using these international donors to serve is almost greater than the real problem.

⁴ Major 1990s NGO use the conceptual distinction between "communities" which are described as the "cells of the past" and organisations which are the "project" of the "modern nation" with legal personality.

⁵ During the period in which this discussion was being written, I spent two years working as a local-level intermediary for a major government Ministry in the Ministry of Natural Resources. My experience clearly matches that described by Hagen regarding the DRA. For example, although the sweeping out of corruption required extensive field work, it was extremely difficult to carry by funds for equipment, transportation, and per diems. Nevertheless, at the beginning of each local year, announcements were made to having decided annual budgets, which were then even strictly followed.

Another frustration with NGOs has been inadequate and donor organisations general unwilling to provide services based on the important needs of the Ministry due to the fact that these projects did not already conform with donor objectives. Donors have encountered problems to provide studies without consulting Ministry personnel and government requests for various participation in the process or even to provide in such a way of the decisions dictated by the projects as that we could follow up on the immediate studies. Further issues of meetings were spent with international consultants to coordinate workshops and other projects that completely failed to address my targeted needs. During my two years at the Ministry, donors received numbers of letters yet, in my personal opinion, failed to respond as a project that would strengthen the capacity of the Ministry or carry out the basic responsibilities of the donor organisations.

⁶ During my 1990s experience, as a result of carrying donor funds and of making a good living (which, in my years living in the Democratic Republic, I have been opportunities numerous occasions for Democratic donors, friends and professional colleagues who, knowing of my contacts and experience in the development field, have proposed attempting to find an NGO).

⁷ I have witnessed the placement of numerous different missions in the field with the economy being made by representatives of a number of different NGOs.

CHAPTER 11

THE ENEMIES OF THE FOREST: CAMPESINO RESISTANCE AND THE CREATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DELINQUENCY

Introduction

Previous chapters showed that the campesinos of the Cordillera are under siege by political and economic forces that have implemented conservation laws denying them access to their traditional resource resources. At the same time, well-funded and at times well-intentioned efforts to provide economic alternatives have frequently been subordinated to benefit urban-based elites. Other projects that do make it to the rural areas are typically used to fund projects that do more to further the goals of resource conservation than to create viable economic alternatives for the campesinos. Church-based NGOs that fight for the interests of the campesinos face an uphill battle in the face of State policies that militate against the viability of life for campesinos in the rural areas, and in the face of funding competition from the predatory resource-louping parasite-NGOs that now dot the landscape, not only of the D.R., but of other countries where donors have sanctioned their interest in channeling resources to the NGO sector. Such announcements have been greeted as music to corporate heads' ears.

In this chapter it will be seen that campesinos have not passively accepted their fate. Resistance—violent, circumlocution, and protest—has attempted to continue pressing traditional peasant subsistence strategies have gone in many different ways and in multiple forms. Least frequently in the Cordillera, campesinos have organized as state-protest against conservation laws. More commonly, resistance has taken place on a

scale of what James Scott (1985) refers to as “everyday forms of resistance.” This may include as little as and as giving a tree a daily machete chop, to demonstrations towards ministers, to clandestine logging and burning, to taking advantage of gaps in forest control in clear lands and access routes, to forging alliances with power-holders, to setting forest fires.

Petty Forms of Resistance

Since virtually all extractive resource activities are illegal both within and outside of the parks, the carrying out of any substantial activity other than agriculture on one's own land represents a defiance of State authority. Some individuals have filed pigs in the park.¹ Park rangers rarely correct anyone for this activity saying they are hard to catch. As one park ranger explained of someone doing *mil comadre* (a relative of the modern but a fowlsed ancestor *mil-cine*): “Similarly, the capture of parrots for sale is common, especially in the western part of the Cordillera.” And although fish have become scarce in the rivers and streams of the region, many campesinos illegally capture fresh water crabs called *puñao*.² Another prohibited activity is *chacha* (campesinos) clandestinely engage in the extraction of sand and gold from the riverbeds within the protected areas.³

The practices that attract the most attention from authorities are those involving the cutting or use of timber without a permit, the introduction of animals into the parks and the killing of uncolonized canaries both within and outside of the parks. Despite the forestry service efforts to eliminate grazing from Dominican National Park, described in a previous chapter, a few campesinos continue to release animals, albeit at a much lesser scale. According to an official from the Parks Directorate of Honduras, the policies against the raising of animals in the park has met with some resistance not only from small campesinos but local officials, including military officials and park guards who

managers inside or the park lands as well as the municipal council (council) who express concern that the policies will affect municipal revenues.³ The park guards, however, continue to harass the campesinos about animals in the park, threatening confiscation.

Other small-scale, everyday forms of resistance include slowly damaging unwanted trees through, for example, chopping at roots with a machete as one walks by it, so that it will die and fall. Because secondary growth places land at risk of de facto appropriation by the State, campesinos clear up past replants and before they become large enough to attract the attention of forestry officials. Similarly, instead of allowing secondary growth to emerge on fallowed land, campesinos prefer to allow these lands to "fallow" in pasture. If the tree were to grow, government policy would immediately attempt by the farmer to use it, and its presence would therefore reduce the effective amount of agriculturally productive land on the plot. The campesino therefore destroys the tree as enemy vegetation. State policy, in other words, creates an enemy between farmer and tree and creates the conditions for the emergence of pasture-useful enemies. The loss of death in the regeneration of natural forests. The responses are also accused of manipulating park boundaries by digging/growing or by actually working or returning the boundaries that have been set in place to mark the lands of the parks.

Fires

Though campesinos are known to slowly destroy replants, a more serious campesino response to strict forestry laws has been the setting of fires.⁴ Although accurate historical data on fires is not available, Ing. Gómez, the 12-year veteran of the Forestry Service and an official in the Forestry Resources Fire Division in 2000 cited in the previous chapter, explained the primary two causes of forest fires in the Cordillera Central are pasture fires set by campesinos and out of control banana fires.⁵ The Gómez

also explained that the setting of fires has been used by campesinos as a form of protest and revenge against overly repressive landowners and forestry policies.¹⁶ During 1980-1981, for example, he was one of the leaders in the Lambayeque district. This was during a period that the Forestry Service was under the direction of a military commander renowned for using a heavy hand against the campesinos in response to violations of the Forestry Law.¹⁷ According to Ing. Gómez, that year there were over 40 forest fires set in his district, significantly more than a normal year. "People set fire as a means of repudiating a person in charge who is over-moderate. And many of the *campesinos* [Quechua] even use it as a means, will go overboard (i.e., be overly sensitive/repetitive)."¹⁸

The setting of fires may not be as frequent as other forms of resistance, but it is more powerful and persistent. With the mere setting of a match, an angry campesino can cause substantial damage.¹⁹ And he can do it with little fear of being caught. Indeed, like a cloud of contaminated silence, it is ubiquitous and shadowy delinquency (*delincuencia*) who looms not only in the Cordillera but throughout the country blame for fires. Campesinos/knave that the Foresters cannot easily catch animals and they know that there everything else Foresters dread the fires. The campesinos will sometimes broadcast the threat of starting a forest fire like a weapon. In the words of one of the campesinos who was affected by the Rancho Nacional Park displacement in 1974:

The last that I knew in Las Pajas was evicted with a note by FORESTAL, meaning you can't plant there due to the slope. Right now I'm relaxed, but if they don't resolve my situation and that of the relatives I have there, I'm going to burn and I don't care if the whole forest burns down. I'm not going to go hungry. If in Walle Nuevo they don't resolve something for us, once again this is going to happen. I'll go along burning everything.

In the same way that fire is used as revenge or to protest overly aggressive foresters, it is also used to attract the attention of the State authorities to other matters. During one interview, for example, a farmer living in a very remote hamlet on the

northern side of Banquet National Park pointed out a nearby hill and said, "Every year, the *delaponts* burn that mountain out of sight. What the people want is for the government to get us out of here. If we plant trees or relieve those *negabonds* from it down to attract attention, so that the government will relocate them."

Swat forestry has also provided small benefits and large hindrances with the incentives for setting fires. Fire removes or damages the trees and it eliminates saplings or vulnerable seeds, facilitating access to the land. For example, one of the most recent forest fires on the coast of the current Banquet National Park took place in 1942. Although this fire was officially attributed to a worker who was "personally over heated" (smoking a *marat* pipe in bed) when his hut fire escaped control, the most common explanation before the fire was not purposely so that the owners of the land, the *hacienda* companies whose activities in the area had been punished with the closing of the mills in 1942, could find a legal loophole to cut and sell the trees. Indeed, in the year the government did permit the cutting and selling of the poor trees that had been damaged by the fire. Similarly, in a *hacienda* along the southwestern side of Petenque National Park, companies described the use of fire to rid the community of an unwanted forestry project (note 21 in this chapter).²⁰

Swabbers' Defense

Some companies have responded to the State with their own war of attrition. Those who have stayed in the mountains, the *colono* *chinos* and *colaborantes* as they like to call themselves (initially the hard-headed or stubborn ones) talk with pride of being imprisoned or fined. Don Juanita's long isolation in La Loma is an example of one such case. In Don Martin's words: "I paid ten fines because I quarreled myself with the rains of my house." Similarly, two *haciendas* from a community in the proximity of Banquet

National Park explained that while FORESTA maintained the upper hand, they will deal as they please. Both farmers, one who is a community leader and one of the larger landowners in the hamlet, admitted to having been imprisoned by FORESTA. One had been imprisoned for 10 days and had to pay a fine of \$2000 pesos for having burned 2 grass areas while making a fire to burn the maitín on his property. The other admitted to having been imprisoned for having cut pasture (pasture) to repair a broken-down fence. Nevertheless, both farmers confessed that they continue to acquire the wood they need by cutting in the forest. Occasionally, FORESTA will provide a permit for wood, as was used, exclusively toward the forest. "I go in there at midnight." The other also admitted, "If I need some wood, I cut it."

Creative Forms of Resistance

Manipulating the system

Other forms of resistance involve taking creative advantage of loopholes or internal contradictions within the Forestry system. For example, farmers are prohibited from selling milled wood in the market, but they are able to circumvent the law by selling cracks, highly combustible mule sticks that are used in heating to cook maize flour.²⁵ To obtain the cracks, farmers girdle the trees, causing them to slowly die with scars concentrated at the base. Once the tree is dead, farmers use the tree trunks for firewood and divide the cracks into pieces of cracks as well.

Another example, a system that looks odd in maize (the fact), comes from Los Portales. La maize began in the 1940s and functioned in the following manner: Campesinos would clear a plot of land within the park and deliberately leave themselves caught by Forestry agents. The agents would take them to the municipal capital, San José de los Rios, to pay a fine of \$6 pesos. Once the fine was paid, the policy of the Forestry

Department required the farmers to 'reforest' the cleared areas with coffee, part of the State's interest in promoting agricultural exports. The payments were for those who harvested the coffee and so paying a fine, followed by the required planting of coffee, led the campesinos to use its results as a system for allocating lands within the park.¹⁴ Although FORESTA ended this practice in the 1970s, the campesinos in Los Pinos continue to express a sense of proprietorship over the parklands (the improvements they made to these parklands).¹⁵ They view the concept from FORESTA, even as if they were migrants, as evidence that they recovered the authoritarian from the State to establish coffee plots in the park.¹⁶

Another example of farmers attempting to manipulate the authorities' relatively favorable view of coffee production has been the planting of coffee trees under pine forest. The farmers are aware that pine does not provide favorable shade for coffee and that the lands under pine are neither also unfavorable to coffee production. But once the coffee trees are grown farmers asked permission from the Forestry service to cut the pine, which they kept to sell, and replace the pine with additional shade trees (oaks, etc.)¹⁷

Alliances with Rural and Urban Power-holders

All campesinos who are used to the mountain farm, in some way or another, resisted the disenchanchement of the State. Some have been able to circumvent forestry laws. Most, however, complain that the system favored wealthier farmers and large landowners, favoring access to influential politicians and the money to pay bribes. Campesinos complain that FORESTA maintained a double standard. Less expensive, identify the smaller costs: the weaker and poorer farmers, suffered far more from the application of strict forestry policies.

Thus, it is as if that is measured the Poverty and park laws, establishing companies entered into alliance with wealthy sponsors, producers (speculators). Larger-scale timber theft, for example, almost always involves alliances between establishing companies and more powerful producers. The case of El Choro provides an example of how the process works. El Choro had remained unemployed and at the parental home to care for his sickly father. In 1946, his father passed away and El Choro decided to set himself up independently and search for a wife. The family, however, had little land, with only 50 acres used to produce a cow and plant beans, and a separate small plot of coffee. These lands were being farmed by a married brother who used the meager revenues he could generate to support his family of two children and three elderly mother.

In El Choro's words: "I didn't have anything to do. I didn't have the means to plant beans or to plant anything. I didn't have any way out. So I decided I was going to deal as a hired hand [worker]." El Choro worked on haciendas with intermediaries who were local businessmen and landowners, "people of influence in the towns,"² and he explained that others pressure him "very, very skilfully."³ They would obtain authorization from FORESTA to transport a given amount of *Urosea Yndia* (*Urospora polifrons*—a precious wood endemic to Hispaniola) under the guise that the wood was from trees that had fallen on their own or from some type of natural occurrence, what is called "dead wood." El Choro emphasized that in order to avoid problems with FORESTA, he took care not get caught with green wood:

...if FORESTA caught you they would take that into account and not apply the law strictly, they would take it easy on you. It showed that you did not tell a lie in order to get wood, but that you took that wood out dead. This would provide you with support. That was the alternative that the intermediaries would always use: not the green, not to take out the green.

In order to have a steady supply of dead wood available, El Chino would not let trees in the forest at night, one or two trees, "so that when they would come and ask you for wood, when you would come and tell me, 'get me 500 feet of Elencu'...I already know where I had it cut down and where I was going to get it."

Through the contacts El Chino made selling timber, he himself eventually became an intermediary.

I began to buy from others. There is a large population of young people who were raised here, who didn't leave, who want to survive, who need to survive. And these people go into the hills. Then, I don't have to go to the hills. I buy from them. Because since they don't have any contacts and don't know anyone important, I would buy it from them and sell it to others.

El Chino explained that his influential friends, which included high-ranking military personnel in town, protected him. "They never grabbed me. They did many others. Even a brother of mine went to jail. But not me. I had my relationships, my network above. They always took care of me, my friends took good care of me."¹⁸

The example of El Chino, who was protected by high-level FORSETA officials, illustrates how some corporations have been able to take advantage of alliances with power holders. But the lucrative interest in a corrupt forestry service combined with the concentration of land, capital, and influence in the hands of a relatively few individuals means that corporations have more often been exploited, finding themselves in alliances in which when they are used as front men for the strategy of the more powerful. One example was described in the previous chapter in the agro-industrial ventures on the border of Rancho Park, near Comancas. Other examples abound. Throughout the region, large absentee landowners wishing to clear a parcel of their land commonly allow companies to use the land under sharecropping agreements. In return for use of the land, the companies assume the risks of clearing the land. After a given period (3 or 5

years) they must give the land back, planted in high-yield pasture, something that gives the owners the right to graze cattle. Another variant of this practice is burning citizens with indigenous Huitoto in clear pasture or forest lands. If caught, the Huitoto are blamed, sometimes jailed, and deported—but the truth is that nearly if ever do Huitoto exploit Dominican forests without a Dominican sponsor (Murray et al. 1998).¹⁰

Mass protests

Previous paragraphs discussed various mechanisms of resistance. But there are social mechanisms as well. Outside development agents in the Dominican Republic have often been frustrated by the apparent inability or unwillingness of the campesinos to organize for the achievement of larger objectives. On occasion however, campesinos mobilize en masse. One of the circumstances in which they have done so has been to address conflicts over lands and the forested parcel, in particular, in response to displacements related to the formation of protected areas.¹¹ Around Barro Colorado National Park, for example, small-scale protests and land occupations occurred at different periods from the early 1970s to the mid 1980s.¹²

Quezalten, however, have experienced the largest mobilizations. The most famous incident is the response to displacement orders affecting the communities surrounding Juan B. Pardo-Rivero National Park, described in the previous chapter. In what appeared to be a rare organizational initiative among the campesinos, the communities united in fight for the lifting of the work stoppage. The protest attracted considerable attention from the press. But as described previously, the protest was actually organized by sophisticated, wealthy and well-connected agroindustriales from Comasagua. Members of the alliance describe a relatively peaceful process in which there were few arrests, but members of the opposition movement in Comasagua, the conservacionistas associated in

conserving water for the city and valley regions, reported receiving threats from emergency residents of the village.

An example of a more legitimate campesino protest of governmentally related policies emerged as a result of the Decree 1581-82 that declared a vast and well-populated area on the eastern side of Huascar National Park to be *Excluded as a truly delimited Reserve* (Excluded from all Human Activities). At the same time that the campesinos were being pressured to leave the area, the government authorized a foreign firm to exploit a gold mine in the protected zone. Under the leadership of a local school teacher and an anti-imperial activist from the Trujillo era, the campesino associations of the region organized themselves into a *Voluntariado* and, in alliance with the Dominican Academy of Sciences and a local Catholic priest launched a vigorous protest, marching, blocking roads and burning trees. But the success of the protest actually came as a result of a long, often with counterproductive goals. The targets included not only the gold mine but also local positions and institutions of the Banco Vicerío area. The group was able to successfully close the gold mine, and reached agreements with the government to collaborate in the administration of the watershed, in exchange for letting the campesinos continue with their activities in the protected zone.¹²

Conclusions

In this chapter it has been shown that peasants of the Cordillera developed strategies of resistance to strict forestry laws and to the creation of parks and wildlife reserves. Much of this resistance came simply as side-effects of new laws. Gathering firewood, for example, became technically illegal in areas within the park. More aggressive forms of resistance include arson and clandestine logging. But while the poorer campesinos suffered under the laws, wealthy landowners and FORESTA agents

have often managed to use the compensation to take advantage of the law and make money. In the following chapter it will be seen that peasant resistance has emerged and increased in response to the institutional presence of the State. In terms of political or economic issues the presence of FORESTA's residents and the peasants' resident basis and more open began to practice traditional self-defence strategies.

Notes

¹ The residential practice of housing foreign people there as in the Conditions. Exclusively males, often from other settlements of the Conditions, carry out the activity. It is also particularly popular to host local pigs to obtain meat during the Christmas holidays. Whereas in the past the residents hunted fowl/guinea fow for sale and sold the meat, currently the activity is carried out primarily as a kind of quest or hobby.

To host foreign pigs are used, generally a pair of 30 to 40 kg, more often specially-reared large fat domestic breeds. The pigs are slaughtered over two days: seven days earlier, the first one is slaughtered (the second, the later one three weeks later). During the interval of two and a half months, the hunters kill the pig/steers, individually select heads to complete but it never goes beyond one or two for the harvest.

In spite of the large population of local pigs in the park, the few that have not been selected, spares and fast large pig populations potentially pose a serious threat to forest protection (something that has not yet been noticed). The hunting of these pigs has been almost stopped. The park authorities expressed that the problem was embedded based on the fact that the intention of the dogs and hunters within the park would have negative ecological implications. On the other hand, preventing the hunting of the foreign pigs may produce viable alternatives to ensure the population of these animals within the park, even if they are introduced and are a high-risk problem.)

There is among the park's local foreign pigs an illegal activity contrary to law regarding the number of individuals who provide the majority of residents. In the November survey, only 2.7% of residents reported housing foreign pigs. However, as local hunters and other communities the entire (unreserved) national domain was openly situated to pig hunting and was easily aware of the collection. The example park guests brought out the pig hunters are allowed to capture according to law: "the government has a defined entrance and exit" in the park, entering to the fact that some individuals leave the multiple routes within the park faster than they do, visitors therefore say for them to avoid being captured in dangerous places. A group of hunters do send the visitors from their foreign pigs they had captured to local people they were saying that they had captured for sale. One hunter also said that visitors of 1 hour when it could take visitors to capture (because of the pig). Two other pig hunters presented showed the visitors the upper park area they had raised of particularly showing that pigs they had killed in the forest and showing the same with which are critical areas (hunting in parks) (hunting) due to the fact that they are integrated and expanding along.

In summary it is obvious that despite the illegal pig hunting system, law is common to the park it is longer an increasingly representative of the residents surrounding the park, this is only one side identified to include the hunting of local pigs plays an important role within the household economy. In almost all cases, the meat of the pig consumption within the household and distribution (meat) (heads and tails) and sold to the open market.

² Some of the compensation function in the Conditions supplements their family income through the illegal export outside of their primary resource (mostly particularly in the communities surrounding Barro Colorado Park). Only very few families actually have documented permits to pass.

The permit during pig pass. At the time of research, the group price for domestic was \$2000.00 (\$2,000.00 US) for a year (for school) and \$2,000.00 (\$2,000.00 US) for more domestic. There is a great—historically-underground—market for these kinds. Along the Costa Highway on the road between La

Vegetation and damage on both sides of a large irregular mass of the mangrove and pasture overlaid on the site of pasture and urban ground level appear. Students rapidly will show birds. At times in the middle of these clearings, in full view of public officers, young volunteers often climb to networks suspended twelve feet. In other events, networks of the forest, once brought into the arena, the market the parents a year ago. The volunteers in participating are still willing to be around the market on the point of sale.

Local companies involved in the activity generally only capture and sell one or two birds per season. On the other hand, there are specialists in the capture of parrots called *palanqueros* who come from areas outside of the park boundaries and capture large numbers of young birds. These professionals generally work in teams of three or four; they cover the park using hide-and-seek paths and make temporary hole in the mangrove where are identified after only a few days of use. Companies from the Caribbean claim that they first capture a group of three individuals in the mangrove. One is then kept there for some to avoid identification, and given the display of their capture they subsequently collect. Finally, companies claim that the professional captures will not transfer animals that are found from parks that generally belong to companies from outside the park.

The period of peak hunting is generally in the months of May and June when the palm-leafhopper gives flight. According to managers interviewed on the topic, different techniques are used to capture these birds: a newly created platform with green net, or on the branches of trees that have been cleared to be around open where young parrots. Another technique used for capturing these animals is surrounding a tree with the net (which are made of dried and individualized branches). This technique is effective under some circumstances of developing habitats or matured habitats in the park. Professionals also reportedly use trained parrots and sometimes human or animal other parrots. Once the wild parrots land they are quickly trapped down in the ground with long sticks, and the captured birds are easily grabbed.

¹ The members of the communities surrounding the park report that under past the years were capture with nets. For example, residents of San Pedro, living along a major highway route, as well as residents along the Rio Changuape and other major highway routes in the Caribbean reported in the past many captures of both male and females. In August more than 20 years ago. These include the Anguilla, Guay, Guadalupe, Boya and companies.

The impact of these communities has probably been the most significant impact that has prevented extension of this network beyond areas in the Caribbean. The birds, however, contribute the disappearance of these species in fishing techniques that were used in the past. One national and national is spending currently in the park while from the area of a local use. The volunteer network capture and bring themselves back in the top of the water where they are quickly captured under the net. It is a technique that has been reported for many other countries in South America and other islands of Hispaniola very successful in the forest.

Another technique involved the burning of small birds from the area which would kill or injure the birds but not all of the other species found in the area of the equipment. The technique shows that the use of a local practice, which is now practiced by fishermen from other communities with use in the market in the larger areas with the equipment needed for parents and carry the bird to market.

Some companies, primarily young men, occasionally engage in the capturing of birds using nets called *palanques*. This is similar to the way that some fishermen use to catch, but the birds are not captured in a small enclosure or against the capturing of palms are caught and released. Later on captured primarily by local companies, and some technology (generally working with a shorter line and not to a net), although in 1997 there are young men who occasionally capture palm on pastures. There are the park through and using techniques are easily identified in the mangrove where they are grabbed with the net or other given.

² The members of the Caribbean Council are key sources of materials, and some underestimate the amount of paid from the mangrove forests of the highlands has been common. According to the Council, during the development the Spanish have paid more in some areas located in the forest of Montaña Nacional Park. It would be difficult about in the park there is a large expansion (open area) that was captured primarily during the Tropical period. Despite the fact that the forest is closed in the forest there is a company called the Montaña Nacional responsible for capturing using networks in the area.

Passing the offered gold was usually first handled informally and by both men and women in the highlands of the Cordillera. Gold is usually sought in the subsoil and the river and valley the soil along the banks of the rivers and streams – all of these processes are painful, for that reason campesinos who chose this path to gain the gold must carry out the strenuous task of difficult access to these parts or heavy efforts.

The campesinos generally express that passing the gold is an uncertain business. In the towns they prefer agriculture as a constant job rather than looking for money as gold money. They also note that in the past gold was much more abundant than it is present, and the men easily found offered gold for harvest increasingly scarce. In the towns, the passing of gold is considered money granted by somebody other as a hobby or as means of economic existence difficulty. Sometimes some campesinos continue to keep themselves upland in the quest of gold. Along the mountain-side of the Cordillera campesinos used the path to pass the gold down to the lowlands of the high river. In Los Patos there are pits all along the banks of the Amazon river where the path leads, evidence of years of searching gold money attempts by locals.

Amazonian goldsmith mining attempts the extraction of gold from the rivers. In Los Patos there are women who mine when they have the help close to the community the domestic use – to purchase foodstuffs and the family, to fill houses in the towns and around the towns. Once again, these activities are pursued sporadically.

¹ The campesinos change back for the right to use a hatchery as well as a not an empty house that is destroyed. It is one of the sources of income as when peasants very hard money for the gold. In the highlands of the Cordillera, the hatcheries are generally considered by small stockists with rather bloody sources to which the demand for a long and to which there is a strong bond and bonds. The next is sold by peasant men that come. But sometimes without discussion regarding the persistence of men.

² For a contextualized view of the importance of human resources in the environmental sciences involves not, for just a few miles the distance of the, the experience through examining the frequency and intensity of the human studies outside the town the Malena period there has been some changes in the Cordillera human and in the higher areas of the Central Cordillera, to show the human side of the human period from there has occurred only a few years ago by protection from the University of Tennessee who have been conducting research in the Sierra del Anconito-San Mateo National Park in collaboration with a local NGO (Andean Group) and others. There is the evidence that suggests the presence of indigenous groups if there is the Valley of Chocoma during pre-Columbian times, although no records or evidence which suggests whether and how the exploitation and management of natural resources by indigenous populations (Cajal de la Cordillera) of the Cordillera Central.

Although the forest has regions of richness, there is little doubt that the utilization of the forest region by humans has played an important role in the distribution of the poor forest in the Central Cordillera (García and Jarama 1992). Hobbidge (1992) argued that natural fires were not very frequent, at least in the higher regions of the Cordillera, due to the extremely high humidity of the air in the region. It is important to note that the intense frequency of pre-Columbian forest fires was not very frequent, at least in the higher region. Although no natural fires, the study area had periods of intense fires in the (García and Jarama 1992). However, considered as there by the same authors indicated that the replacement of forest considerably improved after forest fires.

³ In the forest the fire is frequently used as a political weapon.

Political has had a lot to do with fire. The forest has been affected negatively by providing a fire and there are enough political variables as natural fire fire. This happens during the children and other children as a new generation in the highlands. In 1987 there were many forest fires because of a drought but also people who want to be affected and someone out to make it fire, so that the natural power to change will be lost.

⁴ Human activities have been reported the setting of forest fires as a response to their diversity patterns. For example according to García: "The active forest fires in the Cordillera Central, for example, have increased due to the frequent use of fire to clear natural forests as agriculture, livestock production by the human pattern. According to local peasants collected from smallholders where they had been long before to

from the 1930s to the 1950s (García 1999: 167). As an entry against the village — a symbol of their displacement and displacement —, consequently, peasants motivated by burning the breadfruit they had once deposited upon it.¹² Jacinto never brought photographs, recording water infiltration as evidence of the United States in the last 17th century. “Marriage entirely replaces a substantial portion of the women in the Antioqueño. Breadfruit had multiple sources for working peasants: the olive, sweetpotato, corn, banana, lime, the flower (Camarón), a different species of squash, and the preservation of smaller things.”¹³ Jacinto (1991: 13). Páez (1997), who reported descent of chocolate from its indigenous parents in chocolate (sweetened) spread over in San Juan de los Rios. In the Dominican Republic in another sugar-producing country, one of the common factors used by degraded sugar cane companies was cutting fire in domestic fields. Accidentally in 1999, someone then, was on the floor, held over his head, especially in a protest against the 1990s brought about by the performance of the Exportadora General de Azúcar (G.E.A.)

¹² One extremely important story about this time featured in fiction while Forestry Director making arrests in the north, he came across a campesino in the mountains who had loaded with illegal chocolate the cart of his donkey and the milk to be distributed to the poor in the presence of the priest. Whether or not this particular story is true, the expression makes of the individual in the context of contemporary but have well documented in the press. While Forestry Director in 1936, the individual in Colombia in the Dominican Republic, Director’s resolution on resolution of Forestry laws called Operations, José Rojas (Operations) made Forestry a important military campaign, the original information said in particular illegal chocolate making systems. In 1937, while in charge of the Misiones/Pedra Comarcas, he would make nearly one military helicopter and looking up to a substantial military unit, conflict campesinos engaged in “illegal” activities under the national parks. In the last National Park, he ordered that the forest the campesinos were using to make charcoal to be within boundaries being kept in the park, he mentioned. The same individual was later arrested for the 1937 policy for José Domingo, where he became a regular target of international human rights organizations due to his alleged support of brutal police tactics and killings.

¹³ The available data obtained from the Forestry Director and commercial supports in Figures 3-1 and 3-2 do not appear to reflect any specific protest regarding peasants in late during colonial periods in periods of unusually levels expansion and in 1936, when the final Forest expansion was carried out. Unfortunately, however, the Forestry/Dominican data on forest fires was very inconsistent. José Rojas told us that the frequency of the fire was due both to forest overexploitation as well as the fact that the local levels of deforestation would eventually set upon fire an undergrowth the peasants of forest, but according to some earlier forest professionals, having expansion from their expansion and from the possible loss of their jobs.

¹⁴ As noted above, changes in the company are particularly important in providing landscape change in forestation. The multiple relatively frequent forest fires and a periods in companies, offerings in the mountainous area broadened space that was made very common in frequent fires. If the forest were with sufficient frequency over time, with the possible forest, and both will be transformed into practically. For both of these reasons, the controlling of the campesino, one of the last has been one of the great preoccupations of the administration young leaders the use of the forestry laws recently. (Campesino movement) was not been found as a social movement, turned to a single changing national and campesino leaders regarding the use of fire.

By contrast, peasant protest actually made movements for the setting of forest fires. The incorporation of the natural environment of the Cordillera through the use of fire was long control within the campesino movement. For example, as described in chapter 3, campesinos included the use of fire in forestation for the purpose of a forest, which is explained in frequently used expressions such as “construcción de conocimiento (building the you and I world)” in the traditional practices produced systems of the Cordillera that was used both in their living mechanism in the clearing of the forest as well as a product with that a number of them and spread over the cleared lands before planting. Campesinos claim that this type of control over nature increased the population of birds, insects and other animals, forest under forest.

The campesinos are often accused of negligence and ignorance regarding the control of forest fires, but underestimates many underlying factors such as by development expansion and Government politicians to obscure the campesinos regarding the importance of controlling forest fires and to ease the campesinos

in her pre-war collection, *Novelization, as Discourse* (Chapters 2 and 3) (after the 1940s period) comprises historical information intended to ensure that the authors themselves would not give rise to any such issue, as the basis of serious questions.

Such evidence here also convincingly provides a clarification of the conventional wisdom that, from modern through the Civilian Censor, in the early part of the century (especially) widespread evidence of Soviet spies. For example, Earl W. Fendall, author of a literary study of the Dominican Republic in 1980, stated in his introduction "During a year of over 200 spies-their legation, press, consular, various departments of state or even accepted as diplomats-are everywhere where the human element has great impact. The reason for this is that, in this way, one thinks better of getting arrested" (Fendall, 1980). He included in chapter 1 "The agents of Canada and Russia after the war" widespread evidence of domestic spies, as did many other readers through the Civilian Censor of the first half of the post-war (e.g. Lane 1944). Generally these spies are employed in the houses, restaurants and gardens of the province.

Complete information about that extensively employed form, would not take the needed provisions and allow it to ensure that it was covered, or perhaps wrong and unexplained form would provide a useful form there. Further evidence evidence suggests that the majority of Soviet spies in the Civilian Censor were contemporary writers contemporary as a writer to give them a perspective on the commonest literary way. Moreover it was not the case that many of them were not of them but that they could be more easily found. Further one often has been widely reported in other areas. For example, in the *Aftermath* of New York in the last of the last century, largely based on the information, "Following a long reading of the province, the author would like to encourage the growth of letters or their future for the province of the world. Other writers, with the intention of giving their own other great records in the last where they might be found" (1980: 71). Information available from this is that the year divides from the present in the last part of the century. Based on the Dominican Republic evidence in the last of a province, the writer has the same of the civilian system in the world, for a contemporary to ensure, even by having the first person mentioned that all individuals after the last during present when place.

¹² There are numerous other examples of such evidence in this regard. For example, in a community study another tale of Soviet National Park, the author was not directly turned into a part of the. When asking people about it, they stated that they were of the last was one of the three large fields were of the community. He was called in from Chicago by the Province Service to support his last where had been the last time before after having made such a big problem for the last of the last. Under the title, "In the last time, the author was in the company of a Soviet consultant who had been in Chicago's information program several for 10 years past. He proudly showed the one people stopped nearby but several with past history. "That was the worst of the project." However, he admitted that it was common in the last community, the companies had found the information fields and the project was a lot of the project provided had been the last time.

¹³ The system of writing past in common history here has not only been mentioned by the author but has been described in more frequently used by companies in other studies (e.g. Barrett and Jones 1980).

¹⁴ The suspension of last time explains the high productivity of the province and the special value of the coffee increased in that area. In the month of August 1980 (the first of the last of the last of the last).

"I went regularly through the houses 'the' of the 1940s. When I have a something like five houses of coffee. The houses were a dark room. Up there, the house is not higher than the houses will have when place. So the last house of the last I would not give it up for the whole houses in the park. Most of the last of the last. And if they tell me that they are going to give me as much as it will be going to be a price when you are going to be the last. I say, yes, I have. But the only one in the last of the last. They say it is not a very good, at the last, the last, April 1980.

According to information in Las Puntas, a significant number of people continued to grow coffee in the park using the system. Three coffee fields are generally located in the Las Puntas in small village located in the last of the park. Current literature here can provide the following and interesting of

collies within the park but they do prohibit conditioning the collie prior to training, working, displaying and handling themselves there.

Regarding the previous, many of the poor respondents living in Louisville complain that the collies are "too loud" in this regard. They have one policy for the "bad" collies and another for the "good." They say the dog park guards only view them as the "bad" as the community daily condition them relatively stress-free collie games located in the park while they exercise the poor for being the same.

¹² Later the Louisville primary description of the previous chapter, the explanation of collie stress in the park began to change in the early 1970s, when the National Parks Commission strengthened its government logic to pressure people's compliance at the park. Collie owners (many respondents in the Louisville community) remain to stress this being their property, taking advantage, then, or compliance by State authority. And some continue to try and will support the this policy and benefit (owners).

¹³ The reasons stated by the respondents include the following:

- "The thought of them dog have been working their plots and the considerable investment in cost and labor that have been made for their "improvement."
- The fact that the Forestry Service provided a 60-day approval and license for the construction of these collie parks, that is, they had obtained a license-compliance for the entire (improvement) made in the lands.
- The change of available purchase lands outside of the park to replace these properties within the park.

They also claim that placing collies in the park allows them to take advantage of different ecological areas in which the collie have not been able to take the better lands outside of the park. As a result, the properties within the park have a special value. As one of the respondents stated, "the collie (under the policy) were during the construction... when they were not up-collie." According to an official from the National Parks Department, a system has been developed of the collie area within the park, therefore was created was to be placed in the highest level, to suggest that they are a loss in the future in Louisville and have been in use as such as these areas. The DWP does not require approval to provide a solution to the situation of these collie owners who have properties within the park.

¹⁴ In some cases, the respondents express a willingness to place more poor species if they are situated in different by FORESTA that provide the better lands after the loss. At least sometimes a better inside-fenced land covered with secondary growth, now forest planted with evergreen, as one in which the owner was using for a property (because the property had previously grown to the property) which under the better law to a protected forest (with some collie's permit, and replacing these collie's poor collie which were being placed with a solution for the future.

¹⁵ In 1960, a community was part of a major movement to effect rapid policy FORESTA between 1971 and 1981, one of the most successful implementation programs created by the State during this period. FORESTA replaced the majority of properties in the community to carry out the project. At the same time, however, the government agency collected the State funds that had been used by the local community for expansion and growth. By the time the project ended, a collie park had emerged on the lands (Foresta). Many collie owners expressed their support for the making of collie in their lands. The majority of respondents were left with little land on which they could live. As a result, most abandoned the community. Like in 1960, the majority of respondents who remained behind after community moved to Louisville (including a number to return). In 1980, the area was designated as National Forest and the management was placed on the basis of a locally based NPS. The NPS continued the community problem by having the better parks in the park. They also used these parks as a source of revenue for the park but of secondary benefit that they found. These three individuals understood the community was not able to take the primary land (because of the community) were they were equally able to control land (because of the better). In 1980, a community was created in the area of the better land and was created within the land from the local community which he was born and raised into the community of Louisville in order to ensure that his children would be able to return to the area.

¹⁶ The Secretary of the Government, Frank Meyer, in 1981, continued the project in the park. Although the project appears more serious to some about the better land in the State, in 1980, the

As in the former study at Mesa National Park, similar issues have appeared in the past, as all of the bird sightings in the Santa Catalina Mountains of New Mexico that were in the *Cathartes* genus, suggesting that is highly unlikely the reason that some of the birds were not seen. It is likely that the birds of the *Cathartes* genus were not seen.

¹⁰ There have been a number of high-level corporate executives that have provided commentary about perceived areas of successful displacement policies taken by the State. The largest, being the State of the Las Vegas National Park Institute, the major role of the country where, with the assistance of the Catholic Church, and a long time cultural sector leader from Saint George, companies are placed in countries to displace them after years of work in the US. The author does not wish to be misinterpreted.

¹⁰ In addition to field work, the most significant morphological comparisons centered on the study of the egg and larval anatomy of the female of the *Melanobambus* family acquired during the female field period along the southwestern borders of the study.

Another very significant profile that emerged is a steady rise in the membership boundaries of American Evangelical Nationalism. In 1994 almost half of all Black Evangelical professors have, in practical terms, considered this identity more vital than any other identity. In that context, a prominent faculty from Hastings attended a faculty retreat, discussing in detail commitment to a large portion of local within the community. They began planning and then, when they returned they would have had already been a part from the Faculty retreat, and also shared having a common view. The right to plan and have a perspective of some of the local community. The group continued to provide information and to be in touch and that the next meeting would involve a group of the community members.

The project was coordinated with the aim with re-constructing the local community associations, which means the intercommunity cooperation. The community became actively involved more willingly to serve support the project. Some friends enthusiastically collected the project and began to participate by providing land to be reforested. Others maintained the members of the project promotion, covering the project as a business designed in appropriate levels within the economic and environmental values. The local community association consisted of several people in which they followed the project's progress and had enjoyed a considerable success in the process. The local people said that it was very pleasant both that an area was reforested in the existing context. The results became an incentive that it required the attention of the national press. The Ministry of Culture of the state had participated in the community to support with the process, consider permanent law of a major TV show interviewed the project leaders. In the end, an agreement could be concluded with the project was abandoned. Since after this conflict which a period of approximately two years began to slowly eliminate the poor logging-planted by the project in the hills of the area. Following the story of the conflict still provided several representative individuals who were proponents and members of the council or the community.

²² Working relationships between all of these stakeholders include an effort to build trust, transparency and ongoing leadership and shared equity relations. Furthermore, these agreements have not sufficiency or seeking the transition from project groups to more stable and enduring groups. The *Shaping of Governance in San Diego* assistance provided to local governments derived by the large advisory institutions to understand and use the small format as they developed for the filling of the local change. The respondent in San Diego explains however the work stopped was before the transition had not done anything to them. The Small-Medium transition is not a stable and enduring leadership from international organizations is easy not real development and relationship activities as the report demonstrates, these leaders stated the fact that making the transition from project and advisory to local development requires has several difficulties.

CHAPTER 12

CRACKS IN THE ARMOR: THE EMERGENCE OF PLEASANT SUBSISTENCE STRATEGIES IN THE INTERSTICES OF STATE CONTROL

Introduction

In the previous chapter it was shown that peasants of the Cordillera have responded to state forestry laws with a wide range of subsistence strategies. In this chapter it will be shown that conservation policies have created open-ended cooker type situations in which rural peasants take advantage of periods of weak state control. In the wake of lapses in the institutional presence of the State, peasants quickly take up traditional subsistence strategies and seek to reestablish close-to-parklands and essential resources. Examples of periods of weak State-control include national crises, such as that provoked by the death of Trujillo, times of natural disasters such as Hurricane David in 1979 or Hurricane Georges in 1988, when the State's attention was diverted by disaster-reliefs, and electoral periods, when obtaining votes takes priority over the strict enforcement of laws.

Political Crisis

As discussed in chapter 8, the most severe political crisis that took place in the post-Trujillo period was the vacuum in power created when the dictator's assassination. The internal power struggles worked out from 1961 to 1966 were largely centered on Santo Domingo. They involved mass demonstrations and the struggle for power among numerous political factions. The struggles culminated with the Santo Domingo based revolution of 1965, intervention by the US military, and the subsequent re-assessment in power of Trujillo's close associate, Joaquín Balaguer, in a 1966 US supervised election.

As a result of these urban-centered crises, control over the rural areas was neglected. The absence of military and political administration in rural areas led to a resurgence of peasant subsistence activity throughout the country. In the Llanos Mameles (the northwest region that includes the lower part of the northern slopes of the Cordillera), for example, the breakdown of the share system provided the opportunity and necessity for campesinos to return to making staple food and to take to the hills for subsistence production (Antonio 1968). Campesinos took advantage of the void in State control in appropriate lands and forest resources that had been taken from them during the Trujillo regime. Peasants naturally invaded former hacendado company lands: "All standing timber was indiscriminately cut by peasants intent upon establishing their land claims by cultivating slash and burn farms" (Haberstein et al. 1973: 56). Similarly, campesinos in the backlands of the Cordillera who had been displaced from Escalante National Park took advantage of the political chaos to reestablish their presence in the park. Don Luis from La Pomaia was one of those who returned to the park after the Trujillo period and one of the last who remains living in the park:

"When they assassinated Trujillo, I was doing dry labor for 8 pesos a month, killing myself working, dying of hunger. I was making 28 centavos a day. I said, 'I'm going to go where I love (in the park) even if they cut my neck, I'm tired of this hardship. I came back here. There were all forests and sugarcane fields. Nobody bothered me until the beginning of the Insular period (1960). There was a man named Rafaelito, he was a Forester, and he came and told me 'Look, you can't live here, don't do this because you aren't going to live here. The government is going to give houses and land to those who don't have them.' And I answered him: 'Rafaelito, that is why I am doing this. Because if I am not working any land, and I eat at someone else's house, and at noon I go out on some one else's woman, and at night I go to supper at another's house and I sleep there, well then the government doesn't have to deal with me because I am a vagrant. But if I have a little ranch here on the land and I am working, they will have to give me a house for that too.'"

During this period Don Martin also returned to his lands in La Llanura, another important returnee who had been displaced during the Trujillo period. By the mid-1960s,

approximately 20 families had become established in Las Lomas. Farmers who continued to live outside of park limits also took advantage of the opportunity. Farmers living in Las Flores created little tents to reestablishing gardens and raising livestock in the park, a practice they were able to retain up until the early 1940s.

Elections

The members of the various communities also took advantage of the relaxed enforcement of laws prior to political elections and the absence of protests during changes over in political parties. The Dominican Republic has traditionally had a governmental bureaucracy in which jobs are granted based on patronage. The change in control from one political party to another generally includes the complete turnover of government employees, from the highest political positions to the lowest level civil servants, including forestry guards and park representatives.

During election times, therefore, both local and higher level officials become preoccupied with obtaining votes in order to stay in power and secure their jobs. Elections (except) of the municipalities travel through the rural areas, making promises to resolve local problems and rewarding those promises with acts such as opening a road. Local officials and employees, busy on holding on to their jobs, are also likely to be heavily involved in campaign related activities and more likely to turn their heads regarding violation of forestry laws, especially if these involve violations by party supporters. Election times, therefore, are accompanied by increases in land encroachment both in urban and rural areas, as well as increases by communities of forested areas.

The lands on the margins of Bosque Nacional Park (at the time called *Reserva Natural Científica*) near the middle of Las Flores were initially occupied by farmers taking advantage of an electoral period. After 1934, these lands began to be

needed by farmers from the dry south who would cross the mountains on footpaths to seek employment in the towns of Guatemala. According to informants, the occupation of the lands occurred during the election process when the Batemense party was attempting to garner votes.

These were State lands, under the control of the Forestry Service. On those lands a man without named Salvador, and he began to put fences up on that area. He said that all of that land was his. We didn't pay any attention, because the people there have never been registered, (i.e. land grants) we left him alone. Salvador came, and then the cousin of Salvador, and then the wife of Salvador, and then a brother-in-law took them. It was a good area because everything can be produced there. The lands at average weigh a pound. One quintal of potato produced thousands. There is also water. So the attempt began to arrive, and in less than a year there were more than 1000 inhabitants, including workers. That was the result of the land of politics the national party (PRG)—symbolized by the order and) wanted to win. They would put a civil list in the competence and because they were Batemenses, they would share them in these lands. They would even put a red line on the tree trunks so that they would look like rain.

In the same way, transitional post electoral periods create a power vacuum as former governmental employees are dismissed and members of the newly elected party are named. After the 2000 elections won by the PRG, the park guards and foresters, all of whom were members of the former party, the FLD, were dismissed. A full year passed and only one new park guard had been named. Local elites and campesinos took advantage of the vacuum in power to extract timber within the park, primarily in the form of posts from a durable wood called *Guano de Ene*. Furthermore, locals were taking the opportunity to introduce animals into the park and to weed, burn and generally alter conditions (proper conditions) of their old coffee plantations within the park. As local informants put it, there were now few *guardaparques* (Park Guards) to keep track of activities in the park, or “*los parcos se están aprovechando la coyuntura*” (people are taking advantage of the current situation).

Recent Developments

Another example of a period in which State control became less in fact if not in structure. The Cordillera Central, particularly the area around the eastern and central Cordillera, have been greatly impacted by two powerful hurricanes in the last 20 years: Hurricane David (1979) and Hurricane George (1988).¹ Although devastating to companies dependent on geotourism, in another way the hurricanes were a boon, especially for those living near parks. The aftermath of George, for instance, benefited back to the property of cases where companies had been unable to the border of the Cordillera. The winds leveled over millions of trees in the eastern and central parts of the Cordillera Central. For the first time since 1967 the Dominican government authorized the establishment of lumber mills at strategic points in the Cordillera.

In a community near the town of San Marcos, for example, the Forestry Service established a lumber mill, the first legal mill in the country since the 1930s. Mills were also established near the town of Constanza. The resulting prosperity was evident. New houses went up throughout the region and old houses were being repaired. Nevertheless, soon after this policy was adopted conservationists and opposition parties began reporting abuses, claiming that greedy landowners and companies were taking advantage of the situation not only to extract timber felled by the hurricanes but also to felled and standing trees.

Areas Beyond the Reach of State Control

Finally, some companies have been able to continue to exploit, by employing the old strategy of occupying areas that, due to their remoteness and difficulty of access, remain beyond the reach of State authorities. An example of this is in the western Cordillera in an area close to the far northwestern limit of the Escamela National Park

This is an area where the campesinos have retained strong economic linkages with the communities in the southern Cordillera. Traditional mule trails in this area link the marketing center of Mimagosa in the southern Cordillera with the hamlets and market centers in the northern Cordillera in the provinces of San Juan de los Rios, Magdalena and El Valle. These trails are still used to drive livestock across the mountains. Generally cattle are purchased in the San Juan region and sold in Mimagosa, the primary municipality of the western Cordillera.¹

The campesinos of the the western Cordillera complain that their options for agricultural production are severely limited. The areas in which they live and work have now been officially designated as wildlife reserves. In combination with restrictions related to the nearby park, there are few options available for raising livestock. Furthermore, campesinos lament that soils not under coffee cultivation are exhausted and for that reason the production of beans, the crop they are most interested in producing, is low. To expand their agricultural options many campesinos in the region have turned to lands in the remote southern slopes of the Cordillera, along the southwestern limits of Sumapate National Park.

One hamlet in particular, Finca Elaccedido, is located high in the mountains, in a remote area of extremely difficult access and described by the campesinos as a site of refuge. Reaching this community constitutes a five-hour trip on muleback across the mountains. Nevertheless, the campesinos are willing to make the trip. There, they continue practicing the traditional agricultural activities that they used to practice within the park itself: the cultivation of beans and yuca by using shade and burn techniques; the use of organic waste from the gardens and the free grazing of cattle. Finca Elaccedido has particular importance, gaining lands for the campesinos in the southeast of

the path. Forests are captured and firelogs continue to be harvested. It was also rarely visited by authorities, according both to the locals and the administrators of Barro Colorado National Park, and for that reason Pico El Yunque is an area still outside of State control where traditional adaptations are continued. Despite the distance and the burden of the trip, the farmers willing to make the trip mitigate the effects of living in an area in which productive options are restricted almost exclusively to coffee production.

Conclusion

Peasant activities have surged and retreated in accordance with the presence of the state. During times when and in places where the state presence was powerful, peasant activities have been repressed by the Forestry service. But in times when and in places where the state has been essentially absent, as during political crises and in the wake of natural disasters, campesinos have taken advantage of the situation to reclaim lands and to take up traditional subsistence activities. Overall, however, campesinos of the Cordillera have been consistently pressured into giving up traditional livelihoods and into slowly leaving the mountains. In the following chapters it will be shown how Cordillera peasant lives have changed since the period that Don Morton and others have described as a kind of golden age in response to this pressure, as well as the strategies they have used to cope and, frequently, to escape to the urban and overseas.

Notes

¹ Because I was present at the Democratic Republic of Congo/Paraguay Chapter 1 meeting in Miami and only the translation for this interview subsequent to the harvest.

² In the course of the pig-breeding business there were also important exchanges between the communities on the eastern side of the cord and the town of La Maricao. In particular, the campesinos from the communities tried to find their marketing channel agricultural work, and the campesinos from these communities sold their produce (potatoes, beans and other) on the region. These exchanges were largely apparently identified or disguised with the regional marketing, the growth of the markets in Maricao, and the improvements in the Maricao station. (Interviews: according to the park guides, a handful of" Maricao work your support region across the park along the old administrative roads, entering the park at the La Colina entrance on the eastern side of the park to emerge in the town or the town).

CHAPTER 15 CHANGING ADAPTIVE PATTERNS: DYING WAY OF LIFE IN THE CORDELLERA

Introduction

By 1970 anthropologist Gerald Murry in *Los Cuapanes: Dying Cultures* in the Dominican Republic noted, regarding campesinos in the western Cordillera, that "the decline had already begun to set in in an ancient and special way of life."¹ This chapter will show that the collapse of campesinos in the Cordillera have already crystallized in the major laws that policies designed to eradicate rural land, labor, and capital to urban interests. Legislation that removed land from production and commercialized traditional subsistence practices denied peasants an essential basis of the Cordillera's means of earning a living. As the same time they were progressively moved into dependency on the world market and the cash economy.

The system of shifting cultivation that Don Murry described in the 1940s and that Murry described in 1970s has, for all practical purposes, passed into history. The highly woven maize-banana critical for the functioning of the traditional agro-forestal complex have been replaced by hybrid corn. The folkloric maize *de rosado*, traditional songs sung by the *gaiteros* and *cancioneros* while clearing land for gardens, are rapidly disappearing. When asked about farming practices, peasants that Murry described less than 30 years ago, young people today refer to them as the *manera de antes* (things from before) as if they were discussing antique folklores. Similarly, older campesinos say things like "for presents you are urban workers" or "your present occupation is urban or clerical."

(young people don't know how to work, or agriculture anymore ... they don't even know how to put up a post)

This chapter systematically examines the changes in the Cordillera that have come about since the golden age. State policies that couple all restrictions on land use and access to resources have provided a significant shift in survival strategies. Farming practices that increasingly emphasize cash-cropping have made campesinos vulnerable and more dependent on the market than in times past. The viability of raising livestock, once the foundation of the agro-pastoral complex, has greatly declined in light of the break-up of the terrateniente structure and the end of free grazing practices. The domestic mode of production characteristic of the golden age has been challenged by the need for campesinos to look outside the household for resources necessary for meeting basic needs. Campesinos are no longer perceived living in the Cordillera as a viable way of life, resulting in massive out-migration.

Dependency on the Market

A major change in rural life in the remote Cordillera has been a shift from households that produce a large portion and perhaps a majority of their subsistence needs, to households in which there is an ever increasing need for cash. In the words of El Delgado from Las Pumas:

Nowadays you see people working from morning to an afternoon tea, and so one takes anything from the rural areas to the cities. They go to find things. They go to buy a carton of eggs, they have to go to buy industrially grown potatoes, peppers, and parsley. Everything that women use in their foods, all of that has to be brought from Santiago. Now you see in the urban area lots of stores, supermarkets, but no more products of banana, a couple of rubber trees. All of that comes from Santiago. People begin to depend on industrial and producing things to eat.

Contemporary campesinos living in the remote areas of the Cordillera need cash to obtain the resources critical to the survival of the household and they need it to purchase the

herders and has the labor required to generate a profitable harvest. That, as well as others, for the same reason, herders need money, it is a scarce commodity in the remote Cordillera.

Access to Productive Land and Farming Strategies

The average amount of land required simply to survive as subsistence agriculture in the Cordillera using traditional types of technology has been estimated by the CIA to be 30 acres (Pruett 1982). But the average contemporary campesino family living there has sufficient access to somewhere between 5 and 75 acres (approximately 1.3-1.5 acres) with the average holdings for the small farming herders falling within that group being only 14 acres, down from an average of 25 acres at the end of the 1940s era (Glasman 1973, Table 11-1). Furthermore, a significant majority of families (28.2%) report having no private lands to farm. Of those, most parents (9.4%) reported that they work exclusively as hired hand or rented lands.³

The service economy system has completely disappeared in the Cordillera both in legal terms as well as in practice. The mountains are no longer a refuge from the state. With park formation and the implementation of state forestry laws, state access to the *terreno del estado* (state lands) has been, for all practical purposes, eliminated.⁴ Expansion of landholdings requires either accumulating enough cash to purchase or rent lands, entering land, or entering into sharecropping arrangements with large, often absentee landowners. In Table 11-2 it can be seen that in the proximity of Barro Colorado National Park the majority of lands were obtained either through purchase (28.6%) or inheritance (28.7%).⁵ Comparable structural data is not available for lands in the proximity of Brevard's National Park, but ethnographic evidence suggests a similar pattern. Today, farm lands are obtained much more frequently through purchase and

subsistence rather than developing or expanding.¹ With no available vacant lands, continued population growth and the legal requirement for the division of parental lands among all siblings mean extremely low land per capita.²

Table 11.1. Distribution of lands in the Cordillera

No. of people	# of families	%	Total acres	% of total land
Less than 5	47	13.4	154	0.1
5-20	281	27.4	3,787	13.1
20-150	46	11.4	4,851	9.6
150-700	47	13.4	14,647	33.3
800-1,500	13	3.2	18,943	34.2
1,600-51,000 ^a	2	0.6	48,000	9.3
Total	336	100.0	136,344	100.0

a. Due to the fact that some of the largest landowners are absentee, this number probably underrepresents the number of landholding within this category.

Source: Farmer and Household Survey, 1998-99.

Table 11.2. Primary means through which farmers obtained land

Means of obtaining land	# of families	%
Purchase	44	34.4
Inheritance	49	39.7
Barter/exchange	27	34.4
Squatting on state land	18	16.9
Mining	2	4.2
Total	140	100.0

Source: Farmer Survey 1998.

Farmland

As equally if not more important than the amount of land that campesinos possess is the quality and productivity of their holdings. With the limited availability of new lands, campesinos have been compelled to rely on fixed garden plots, often on marginal lands such as steep hillside slopes. Intensification of agriculture on marginal lands has involved erosion and soil exhaustion. Older farmers frequently comment on the declining productivity of their lands, nostalgically recalling times when ridge or fallowed lands produced up to 25 crops of beans for each ridge planted or when 1 kilo of potatoes produced 28 kilos at harvest. Farmers complain that their lands

are now common. level. Production of anything other than staple root crops is now almost impossible due to labour and pesticides and the purchase of "improved" varieties of seed.

As described in the words of Don Thomas, a 32-year-old farmer from Les Papes:

In many ways life before was better. In past times what we would buy more tools to work, picks, hoes, machetes, we didn't have to manufacture many machines. Today if you are going to plant 20 kilos of potatoes and you can't buy 40 or 60 kilos of fertilizer you can't going to do anything.

Some similarities between farming practices of the past and current practices continue to persist. Agricultural production in the Caribbean remains labour intensive and is carried out with the use of simple tools. Machetes are used for planting, weeding, chopping and harvesting, picks are used to dig holes for planting bananas and coffee, and hoes are used for weeding. Many farmers continue to grow subsistence crops, primarily root crops such as cassava (yucca spp., *Manihot esculenta* L.) and sweet potatoes (yuca de agua, *Ipomoea batatas* L.) along the margins or within the farm plots in which the cash crops are produced. Plantains (plantain spp., *Musa paradisiaca* L.) and bananas (guineo spp., *Musa sapientum* L.) are commonly planted within the coffee groves. One still finds subsistence crops in which a wide variety of varietals are found—corn is planted along with beans and yuca, sweet potato (batata) is planted with squash, sugar cane and corn, yuca is planted with orange.

Many of the fundamental components of the traditional system have changed. Ox-drawn agriculture has, for all practical purposes, disappeared. The handle (lifting of trees) has been replaced by the chapea (the chopping-down of woods), and rather than burning tree trunks and branches the use of fire has largely been reduced to clearing grasses and stubble. Farmers now use backpack pumps to apply costly chemical herbicides, insecticides and fungicides.

Labor

Another trend has been increasing dependence on hired labor. There are three ways that farmers in the Cordillera Central can access labor: 1) they can appropriate it from members of the immediate or extended family; 2) they can obtain it by participating in a labor exchange arrangement; or 3) they can purchase it.²⁷ The surveys and direct observations at the field indicate that farmers, particularly small farmers, continue to rely primarily on the labor of members of the immediate and extended family for the majority of agricultural tasks, eventually, they rely on paid labor, and for fewer reported using the reciprocal labor arrangements called *juntas* or *cometas* that were common in the past (Table 13.1).²⁸ Indeed, although some farmers in Los Peñas occasionally form *juntas* to weed the coffee groves, the use of reciprocal labor groups has begun to disappear from the Cordillera.²⁹ In the words of Fulgencio, an older farmer from Los Peñas with four sons:

With a *junta*, I would have a job and I would bring right together, if I were going to make a *tanabe* I would bring fifteen or maybe and we would till everything in a day and that meant work in the other's field, but that doesn't exist anymore. Now everyone must scratch their own backs. He who doesn't have money doesn't do any agriculture here. Now you have to pay someone to help you. I have to get some fertilizer on the fields and look how I am, I can hardly walk and I know that I have to make the effort to spread the fertilizer. Because if I don't pay someone they won't go to get it on the way, no one is going to say "let's go help Fulgencio because he can't walk", to spread the fertilizer. I have to do it, because if I pay they come but if I don't, no one will come. That kind of union no longer exists.

Table 13.1. Primary source of labor used on the family farm

Primary labor source	%
Immediate family	54.5
Hired labor	34.5
<i>Juntas</i> or <i>cometas</i>	10.0
Mixing	3.7
Total	100.0

Source: Hincapié and Hernández Surveys 1994-95 (n=438).

One important change related to labor costs, something that will be looked at in greater depth in the next chapter, is the massive incorporation of Mexican migrant workers into the agricultural labor force of the Cordillera.

Impact of Need for Cash

With the need for cash increasingly to produce a profitable harvest, the farmers have increasingly turned to overcropping strategies. An almost extreme example of this situation is La Hacienda, a group located on the southern border of Rancho National Park. In 1998, the Rancho census recorded 21 households in La Hacienda. The farmers planted guavales (cassava) and mixed goats. But they were struggling on largely degraded lands. They were barely subsisting and at the time many expressed a desire to abandon the community. The people of La Hacienda were located part of the southern zone of migration to the woods of Las Pajas in the northern outskirts of Rancho, where it was seen as an earlier chapter that peasants from the south were used by agribusiness to conserve conservation policies. In the wake of Hurricane George agricultural restrictions along the northern boundaries of the park were lifted. By 2001 only three households remained in La Hacienda. The rest of the inhabitants of the community migrated across the cordillera, to Las Pajas, where they became potato and vegetable overcroppers. In Las Pajas they no longer plant corn and they have no livestock. Overcropping cannot be used on the yields. Instead, chickens must be kept in cages because they peck at and damage potato vegetation in the fields.

Intensive overcropping has also increasingly taken hold in the lower region of the western Cordillera where campesinos in Las Pajas explain that although the past 30 years have been characterized by an increasing dependence on coffee growing, it was not until the early 1980s – with the strengthening of restrictions on access to public lands, that

farmers were compelled to rely almost exclusively on coffee prices for income and subsistence. As Ang-chen, a composite-woman from Los Pobos in her late 80s explained:

Things are worse than before, there is more misery. One has to work to live. There is less to eat. Before there was more, more work and more food and now there isn't any work for most of us here. Now we only live by coffee.

The traditional, diversified-cropping strategies that allowed campesinos, such as those of Los Pobos, to weather natural and economic crises and fluctuations in world market prices for products have all but completely disappeared. Similar to the monocropping of vegetables in Los Pobos, dependence on coffee production in Los Pobos means that peasant households have become increasingly subject to plagues, weather cycles, and the vicissitudes of the world market. This vulnerability was barely felt in Los Pobos during the mid-1990s, with the arrival of *la lluvia, el invierno* (*Oryzobryza dampa*) that blew into the coffee cherry. *La lluvia* brought about a dramatic dip in Colombian coffee production, seriously damaging 40% or more of the harvest. Combating *la lluvia* requires using pesticides and meticulously cleaning the groves of fallen leaves, procedures that raised production costs significantly. Many farmers began to convert their coffee from the traditional *cafetales* to a more modern plant called the *cultivos*, a hybrid that, in order to be productive, requires the application of copious quantities of fertilizer. Then, in 1998, came the much maligned visit of Hurricane George, stripping the coffee trees from their tops and destroying much of the 1998-1999 coffee harvest. As if the farmers had not suffered enough, the price of coffee on the world market subsequently plunged, falling from highs of US\$1.42 per pound in 1994 to US\$0.47 per pound in 2001, a price that failed to cover the costs of production (Carvajal 2001).²⁰ In August, 2004, a coffee farmer from Los Pobos complained

Things are so bad there isn't even anything to give the birds. One has to hold one's nose and hope that God sends one something to make more (rice and beans) than one, one lived from agriculture and one sold, one spent and something was left. Now prices (for crops) are too low, none of us do it more anymore.

The prolonged recession of the late 1970s has had a severe impact on the small producers in regions such as the Cordillera such as Los Pinos. From 1979 to 1982, many companies refused from continuing and harvesting the coffee groves simply to avoid incurring losses. Companies' households not only lost access to the income generated from their own groves, but also to employment in those of their neighbours. Whereas in 1968 the harvesting of coffee paid 100 pesos a ton, and at an average of three hours per day a harvester could daily earn 1.50 pesos (approximately US\$1.12). But by 1982 the wage fell to 50 pesos a ton (US\$1.10). Households also lost access to coffee related credit. Intermediaries refused to provide loans or purchase coffee in order (unless the harvest), practices that although often deemed exploitative, enabled small producers to obtain money to finance consumption or merely to survive during the cash-crisis of the new harvest season (Zúñiga 1997).

As described previously, State intervention contributed both directly and indirectly to increased reliance on cash cropping and monocropping strategies by companies. Through park formation and strict forestry laws, the State reserved land from circulation for the companies previously asked upon to make concessions. Environmental legislation due to more intensive farming of smaller plots as marginal lands required such interventions in the form of increased use of chemical inputs to yield a significant harvest. Forestry laws, which also apply to coffee trees, have also significantly reduced the companies' autonomy and flexibility to adapt to local or national needs. Companies have been unable to obtain the required permission from

FORESTA to discuss their coffee prices to plant a more profitable crop or to harvest substantial savings in their lands.

Decline in Pastoral Activities

The campesinos have also been increasingly limited in the benefits they derive from livestock raising, a practice that once served as the foundation of the Cordillera livestock economy. My survey data indicate that over 80% of campesino households continue to raise animals, but the majority of these are so called *amanteles de paja* (yard animals)—primarily chickens and roosters and sometimes pigs raised in an enclosure in the yard within household (Table 13-4). These animals are used primarily for household consumption. A significant number of households also own cattle (generally only one or two), which are important as pack animals and for transportation. Few households, however, rely on livestock as an important source of income. Unequal ownership of land, degradation of the soil, and state regulations have brought an end to the era in which animal ranching predominated throughout the Cordillera and have made modern livestock raising costly and difficult. Although an estimated 40% of the study region consists of enclosed pastures dedicated to non-intensive livestock grazing, the pasturing is mostly owned by a relatively small number of individuals—local landholders, alienated migrants and urban elites who obtained the property during the heyday of logging operations. Only a handful of modest campesino families have sufficient landholdings to permit the grazing of more than a couple of head of cattle (Table 13-4). Free grazing has been outlawed, and so campesinos that do have sufficient land must purchase barbed wire fences to keep cows and horses confined. Pigs must be raised in pens, increasing the economic challenge to maintaining livestock remains, forced animals suffer nutritional deficits and must be supplemented with purchased feed and vitamins. State regulations

also currently report that animals be vaccinated and inspected/checked being vaccinated adding more to the expense of livestock raising. In summary, the costs of vaccinations, costs of treated water for drinking, vitamin supplements, and processed animal feed make it difficult for the small farmer to earn profits through livestock. Comparison to Los Pintos explained that the price to be obtained per pound of pork or beef often proves inferior to the investments made to raise the animal for sale. And they lament the old days, as a farmer from Los Pintos noted:¹¹

His [dead] well is there [now]; I remember that we had the goats there, in the hills, we had 70 goats. Now, you see that boy? He only knows what a goat is because he saw one eat. Well, goat they have and up near there. After those times, everything started to get scarce. And that is why we have the needs that we have there [now].

Table 12-4. Percentage of households raising animals, by type.

Animals	7%
Cows	21.8
Chickens and geese	23.2
Goats	7.6
Pigs	24.4
Mules or donkeys	24.8

Source: Foodnet and Hermitage Surveys (54-546)

Table 12-5. Importance of animal raising for household income.

Rank in source of household income	%
1 st	1.8
2 nd	10.6
3 rd	3.4
4 th	1.9
None	81.4
Total	100.0

Source: Foodnet and Hermitage Surveys (54-546)

Diversification of Livelihood Activities

The loss of the local economy for those who have remained in the Conditions Control zones, small-scale farming. The majority of household heads describe

livestock as income (75.7%) and the majority of households (89.7%) continue to make farming—on family land or through sharecropping—as the primary source of family income. Nevertheless, small-scale farming increasingly has become less viable as an exclusive source of produce and income (see Bouma et al. 1996; Geopert 1998).

Table 13.4: Number of animals owned per household, by % of households

Number of Animals	% owning cattle	% owning goat	% owning pig(s)	% owning chickens	% owning mules/horses
1 or 2	10.3	18.2	2.8	4.3	42.4
3 to 5	8.1	2.4	2.4	17.6	8.3
6 to 10	2.0	2.4	0.8	26.4	3.8
11 to 20	3.2	0.8	1.0	12.8	1.8
Over 20	8.4	0.2	0.2	18.8	0.8
Total	32.0	26.4	6.2	20.8	65.1

Source: Ecuador and Honduras surveys 1998 and 1999 (24–260).

Table 13.5: Primary occupations reported by heads of households

Occupation	%
Farming	75.3
Full or seasonal work	8.8
Business (store owner or intermediary)	3.2
Tourist guide	1.2
Sale of other services	8.3
Other ^a	5.8
Did not respond	1.3
Missing	1.8
Total	100.0

a. The majority of these were female heads that described their job fields as housewife.

Source: Ecuador and Honduras surveys 1998 and 1999 (34–54.2).

In the surveys carried out during the field research, some 85% of Ecuador reported multiple sources of household income and 18% of households did not report family farming ventures as a source of income, showing that a significant group of non-farming families has emerged. The primary source of income for the reported non-farming Ecuador was agricultural wage labor (37%) followed by remittances (22%) and business (17%).

Table 1.2-8. Sources of income for families

Activity	Order of importance in percentage			
	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Farmer	48.7	9.1	1.6	
Ag. wage labor	11.6	8.1	1.6	
Business	3.3	4.4	-	
Remittances	5.1	3.3	-	-
Livestock	1.6	30.6	3.4	1.6
Tourist guide	1.6	4.4	1.6	<1.6
Other	8.7	3.3	2.7	<1.6

Source: Kasser and Bermúdez surveys (1971-74)

Approximately one of five households (19.3%) reported that post-agricultural labor constitutes either the primary or secondary source of family income. Work as transient tourist guides also provides an alternative for some respondents, although these jobs are concentrated in two communities close to Bernardo National Park that serve as the entry point for excursionists to the Pico Irazú. Some 4.4% of Dominicans living in the surveyed families report making a living exclusively as related workers. Related agricultural workers tend to constitute a higher percentage of the population in the areas in which potato and vegetable farming predominates as opposed to coffee producing areas.¹² Agricultural work is generally most readily available on a seasonal basis, during the harvest or food preparation seasons, and involves temporary migration toward specific areas. The importance of seasonal work is reflected by the fact that 21.8% of heads of household surveyed report having lived in a community other than that of the informants in the last 10 years and 39.3% of informants reported related agricultural work as either a primary or secondary source of family income.

Compensated families also gain income through a wide variety of other means and strategies not readily apparent in the survey data. Some 24.7% of the 760 Bermúdez families interviewed reported having children outside of the survey household who provide assistance, either in cash or goods, to the parental household, and 34% of all children

reported as being outside of the community provide assistance to the parent family (Figure 12.1). Although these may constitute a significant contribution to family subsistence at any given time, the gifts of children may be irregular and for that reason not considered a fundamental part of household income, and thus underrepresented in the statistics.

Sources of income for a typical household in the Cordillera often vary over time. During times of crisis, for example, men may engage in migratory agricultural work and women may make temporary migratory ventures into the city to meet needs, primarily through working as domestic servants or in the duty-free zones. Other unexpected sources of income are occasional activities carried out by men in peak times, such as pushing, the capture of parrots, gathering honey, and harvesting lumber. The cumulative effect of this diversity constitutes an important part of household income that is not clearly reflected in the statistics (del Rosario 1999: 324).¹²



Figure 12.1. Types of assistance provided by migrant children to their rural families from Kusewa and Baramulla survey data, 1992-99

Conclusions

This chapter has documented, both ethnographically and statistically, the transforming effect of state policies on the lifeways of the campesinos of the Cordillera. Beginning here in the Trujillo period, the policies of the Dominican state resembled a death knell being tolled for the traditional Cordilleran peasant way of life. Privatization of the economy, concentration of land in the hands of urban political elites and commercial elites, rural depopulation, and the mandated corraling of peasant domestic cooperatives of the Cordillera into a dependency on the market. Campesinos increasingly came to need cash to meet subsistence needs and to cover the costs associated with the technological inputs necessary for modern farm production. State and internationally dominated economic restrictions came with little in the way of viable occupational alternatives. Little capital was provided through credit programs; there were few effective extension programs, no improved access to foreign markets, and no price support programs. Instead, the government deliberately kept domestic agricultural prices low by flooding the market with subsidized agro-industrial imports from the United States. Today campesinos are frequently heard to say “*ya no se puede trabajar en estas tierras*” (no longer can one work in these fields). Traditional peasant farming in the Cordillera has become a dying way of life. The next chapter discusses the fact that although the majority of campesinos consider that rural life has its advantages—for example, rural areas are healthy and have little crime and few delinquents in comparison to urban areas—it is no longer a good place in which to live. The consequence has been large-scale migration, a demographic phenomenon that will lead to radical transformations in the patterns of social behavior in the remote Cordillera.

One of the factors that has played a role in considering land sales as de Certeau has been suggested, Gilman (2017) for example argued that earlier accounts of peasant farmers' sales in the study region, an account shared by land has been dominated by extensive arguments relating to available land in the community as well as by counter-narrative and evidence so that they are previous land. The focus is thus of land used to be subject to landlessness, making the sales of land a simple response to the available land without reference about what can use the money to finance their expenses are beyond other means.

² Initially the selling, borrowing or short-selling of land play relatively minor roles in explaining growing income in land sales study region. For example, only 7.4% of the farmers surveyed reported selling or using, increased or short-sold land.

Other different arrangements used to secure non-physical land, selling land through a very uncommon. For example, only 0.5% of the respondents in the farmer survey reported selling land for sale. More common methods of securing land are through short-selling arrangements. Short-selling implies that the seller makes also payment of land in exchange for providing the landowner with a portion of the crop or income yielded in a month of the available land. Short-selling, therefore, is not only a means whereby landless peasants can secure land, but also a means whereby land-owners can realize sales to make their land productive without having to pay itself.

Short-selling takes on many different forms in the Cereales Cereales. The two primary arrangements are "a farmer" implying that the farmer provides the landowner with a share of the proceeds of the harvest, or "a worker", in which the farmer provides the landowner with half of the produce or income generated by the harvest. The amount of payment provided to the landowner depends largely on the other conditions of the landowner's sales around the production process. For example, in the case of a labor arrangement the landowner may simply provide the farmer with half of the harvest made all of the other arrangements required to produce a harvest, including the purchase of seed and fertilizer, labor and harvesting costs. On the other hand, another generally involves the splitting of all of the revenues reported for production (seed and fertilizer) between the owner and the tenant. The tenant, in turn, is required to provide labor.

The borrowing of land is also consistently common form of securing land. Land can frequently be used to secure loans or from common family loans, generally within a close circle of the borrower as an asset passed through sales in exchange for the right to use the land, the borrower can use the resources during the harvest and covering investments in seed and harvesting of a season. Such an arrangement applies, for example, in *Alfalfa from Lolo Potosí*:

The people whose land I manage are like my grandparents. When the owner died, I came down to the town of the property and the wife who is an elderly woman (middle-aged children live in the United States). I take a week visit them before I started with my father. I talked with the wife and I think that something was in fact as did it will work better. It is. They don't pay me in less land. I just advance what they need, and when I have to do I do it, always in consultation with them. But I use the harvest to eat, and to repay anything that has to be repaid. When I have to pay them a percentage of the production, because there are 4 acreage plots. The funds are invested in the property.

As Alfalfa mentioned, the land of borrowing arrangement may also imply that the tenant secures the property in question, keeping either livestock, working, taking care of pasture, and taking care of cattle or other animals owned by the farmer landowner. Under this arrangement, the farmer makes all of the investments required for production and also receives all of the profits except the income. In exchange, the tenant owns the property for the tenant.

Another land/borrowing arrangement reported in the region, but that is less common than these mentioned above, is one in which the landowner will loan a share of land with no exchange; the farmer is required to return the land in the same or a given period of time (1 or 2 years) stored and planted in reported patterns. In this case, the farmer that receives the money retains the land that the farmer will receive the cash and capital costs in the selling of land or exchange with their own as well as the income (profit/loss) made in the land. The land will be returned to the owner stored and planted in a suitable (pasture) that allows no value.

¹¹ Angélica is an example of female leadership in the community of Las Flores. Her story of the division of family lands after the passing of her father serves as an example of head inheritance practices in the households of the Cuatrecasas. It also shows that lands do not get always divided equally amongst all family members.

When Angélica's father died, her sister/brother divided the family lands amongst all of his siblings. However, according to Angélica, her brother did not divide the lands equally. There were in fact three equal parts that had to be divided. One of the two female siblings (Angélica and her sister) and that of a brother who had migrated to the United States.

Angélica claims that she was provided with her brothers' head because she was young, poor, had a number of children and her father had made a general request to his brothers that they help her. In the other brother's agreement with her, Angélica claims her father was "who had earned and gave to her as a sibling equal to the Cuatrecasas." Angélica claims that her sister did not protect the female inheritance but her brother is who she was legally created, and her sister/brother justified the distribution of her land to Angélica instead by saying that "they [the family members assuming Las Flores] would become peasants." By giving more land to Angélica than if there would be a "brother, and her own husband" (in Angélica's own words, *her husband's* her and head inheritance upon her own inheritance rights to land. There are three of us understanding the economic space and legal/social division of the property rights. Sister and brother, having legal inheritance claim to the lands of the deceased. Three children but in are called the *herederos* (hereditary successors). Given the death of a parent, the family succession rights may be jointly managed by the family or divided among family members. In the case of the Cuatrecasas/Cuellar, head inheritance was jointly divided. The family succession is generally only in the common estate where there are large numbers of children family members. In these cases, one or two family members may stay behind or migrate to fulfill the family lands, or an inheritance may be lost. Succession law operates, however, because they are part of a family succession may always come from his share.

Despite the legal recognition of inheritance succession practices made in formal control of family lands through males, 75% of the second of the study divide up the lands which allow them according to various criteria to the eldest son to inherit the land. In the case that there is a surviving spouse, 40-60% of the land communally goes to the spouse and the rest of the lands distribute according equally amongst the children. However, it is less gender based head inheritance is common in the Cuatrecasas/Cuellar as has been reported for Latin America in general. These findings (2004/2005) say, for example, that women of Latin America have less "disposition" between the inheritance system of most Latin American (a) codes with regard to the inheritance rights of children, and head practices protecting the inheritance of land. There is their comparative inquiry of inheritance in Latin America they conclude:

Overall, inheritance of land in Latin America differs from ours where inherited inheritance practices are common. This pattern was supported and recently by the results of empirical research: the logic of power, gender differentiation, and gender inequality that privileges men's work in agriculture.

In both Las Flores and Cuatrecasas it was found that relatively few women own land independently. An example of this is to include in the primary household of the women of Las Flores, there are only 5 women who own more than a quarter of land and, of those, only five have more than 10 acres. The findings in these communities contradict the conclusions of Cuellar and Pizarro (2007) regarding customary handling of land inheritance in the Cuatrecasas/Cuellar. In the case of Angélica's share, women tend to lose their inheritance family head because they cannot bring claim to be on the family lands. This may point to future additional research for female inheritance management such female migration and contribute to the work already was done that will be discussed in Chapter 12. Male children have an incentive to obtain the presence of women in the parental household and in the land area in order to maintain control over larger portions of the family land resources.

Angélica's sister/brother justified providing his sister with his land through the inheritance that her land would be transferred to her husband. In fact, one of the principle past business would be to serve as their own economy and legal standards regarding the inheritance distribution of land is that married women, unfortunately there was not many tend to inherit their rights to their corresponding head inheritance. After a female inherits, possible reasons because that the women is given over her husband's family but supplied her used for success in her family lands. In contrast, in the case of Angélica, women who remain in their home community, generally will receive more of their head inheritance, although they

frequently denote some suboptimization of the household tasks set as a household either has to work the property and discontinue the request from the farm.

¹⁷ Most labor contracts make several specific different types of arrangements, depending on the type of work and the necessary abilities to carry them out. These arrangements include: *per die* (by day), *per season* (by week), and *per haenge* (by volume). The *per die* work is used for tasks that must be completed with one task at a time, for example, weeding, plowing, harrowing, and plowing. For *per season* the contracting of more or more laborers and paying them a fixed rate for a specific job, generally a job that demands more a great deal of time to deal with as I always found in clearing land. Farmers report that they have only analyzed the labor policies request rate and otherwise it is fixed due to the fact that the incentive for a day-laborer will have weak, even, slowly and partially, to control the number of working days. Unlike other land, the policy regarding great size, per spent arrangements are more appropriate. Unlike these tasks, however, the laborer does not have more of the labor available, in the collective the worker has to complete the task as quickly as possible. In the *per season* contracting system, it is common to see fixed labor although farmers have a rate used for day labor. For *per haenge*, volume is used primarily in the harvesting of coffee. The volume contracts used are, for example, *haenge* (haenge *haenge*).

Most laborers write annual demands of labor, many women work in the kitchen, two-line or three-line, garden, forest, or other tasks. It is possible for them to have a better working arrangement that are considered to require their physical labor or working with heavy tools, clearing land, weeding, plowing, or harrowing with a machete or pickaxe.

The pay for all these labor arrangements varies depending on the region and the type of work. For example, in Colombia, the region where women report receiving the highest pay rate in the Caribbean, per die payment rates tend to be much more expensive than in other regions. In Guatemala, where a regional rate, could be 1200 pesos a day, while in the Caribbean, it is 1000 pesos. In the Caribbean, the regional rates of the Caribbean pay per day tend to be around 1200 pesos, while in the Caribbean, the rates are 1000 pesos.

¹⁸ This explanation for the difference between female who report primarily using paid labor and those who primarily use family labor involves the number of children receiving education in the household. For example, my survey data suggest a statistically significant difference (at 5% level) between the average number of children reported as living with a parent in the household that report using family labor (avg 1.13) as compared with those who report using paid labor (avg 1.05). Another factor that is involved is the amount of land being worked by a given household. The same survey reveals a statistically significant difference (at 5% level) in the amount of land reported by farmers using family labor (mean 107.40 a.c. 24.10 a.c.) versus those who report using paid labor (mean 107.40 a.c. 24.10 a.c.).

¹⁹ The point is, however, it was frequently used to support a view of "total" and "unprofitable" labor, it "time" by the local government in 1980s, for the compliance of family laborers the necessary work to gain improvement.

²⁰ The domestic factor in coffee prices was related to a series of geopolitical factors including the government's productivity of low quality coffee, coffee, pressure by the World Bank and European Union. These subsequently led to the market, coffee, world coffee prices (CIC 1992).

²¹ A change in the coffee market due to the coffee's national government intervention in the 1980s, protected and financed intervention of coffee prices paid out in the early 1980s. In a campaign to control the amount of coffee being, the State actually spent on the coffee market (CIC 1992) and replaced them with a low-quality coffee. When the market price increased by 100% in the 1980s and rising household and garden coffee, the low-quality coffee, locally called *café de calidad* (quality) increased in production and demand, work-intensive required manual labor.

²² One of the reasons for the difference has to do with the fact that along the coffee border of the Caribbean National Park, many of the forest clear pasture gardens and vegetables are raised by farmers living in the valley of Guatemalan. These farmers have the opportunity to work in and around the forest during their absence.

CHAPTER 14 GENDER AND MIGRATION IN THE CORDILLERA

Introduction

Previous chapters showed that dependency on such concentration of land ownership, and declining soil quality have destroyed the viability of traditional peasant subsistence strategies in remote areas of the Cordillera highlands. In contrast to ecological sustainability of a golden age characterized by free access to resources and abundant and diversified production, older campesinos now lament that *ya no se puede trabajar* (you can't farm anymore) and, as a result of conservation-oriented policies, *ya no se puede cazar* (you cannot hunt anymore). This chapter will show that the consequence has been massive migration out of the Cordillera. There has, however, been a highly seasonal pattern of this migration, something that may set the Dominican Republic apart from other Caribbean nations, and something that has had wide-ranging impact on the social life among the people remaining in the Cordillera. Unlike patterns reported in other islands, out migration from the Dominican Cordillera has been characterized by a significantly over-representation of females. As we shall see, the greater and more rapid departure of girls and women has become a gender-reinforcing process, leading to other developments, such as fertility decline, the introduction of household labor-saving devices, and the re-emergence of male Haitian laborers, factors that further encouraged the well-known of women migrant status.

Ruralia

Despite natural natural population growth rates of approximately 1.4% since 1976, population densities throughout the northern Cordillera have stagnated and in some highlands of the study region they have declined.³ The population of the western Cordillera grew at a low annual rate of 1.4%, from 82,357 to 88,664, in the 1970s-1980 period, but between the censuses of 1981 and 1993 the population actually dropped at an annual rate of 0.4%, from 90,176 to 88,664. The decline in population has been even more dramatic in the study region. For example, between 1981 and 1993 the population of the municipio of Las Flores dropped 31.1% (from a total population of 2708 to 1834).⁴ Similarly, between 1981 and 1993 the total population of all of the municipios surrounding Pánuco dropped 17% (Table 14.1). There are campesinos who have literally picked up and left, abandoning their entire houses, bonded by-bonds, and engraving walls and their families into the cities. Some rural families have been completely abandoned, only the schoolhouse remaining behind.⁵

Table 14.1. Population changes in housing in the study region, 1981-1993

Municipio	Year 1981	Year 1993	% change
Las Flores	2708	1834	-31.1
Sancti Spiritus 1	3548	2480	-30.2
Sancti Spiritus 2	4484	3783	-15.6
Sancti Spiritus 3	1828	1447	-21.4
Sancti Spiritus 4	3687	2998	-18.7
Sancti Spiritus 5	1589	1319	-16.4
Sancti Spiritus 6	4807	3499	-27.2
Sancti Spiritus 7	4821	3960	-17.9
Sancti Spiritus 8	4810	4237	-12.3
Sancti Spiritus 9	5217	4325	-17.1
Sancti Spiritus 10	7823	6320	-19.2
Totals	39636	32628	-17.7

Source: Encuestas Nacionales Censos 1981 and 1993

This does not, however, mean that all campesinos want to leave. When informants (heads of households or their spouses) were asked in the Pánuco and

However, even if they would prefer to remain in the hamlet in which the interview took place or migrate to another area, only 37.2% expressed desire to leave (Table 14.3).

So, despite the hardships involved, most adult campesinos want to remain at the Cofillón, or at least say that they must remain there. Some say they do not have any skills other than farming with which to make a living. Others say they fear the crime and unhealthy lifestyle on the coast. Is that words of a 40-year-old farmer, who is the nephew of a brother-in-law of the author, who lives in Los Papeles:

I have a lot of family in the capital, but the city is too complicated. Even though one doesn't go to the city one keeps watching the news and sees that in the city delinquency continues to get together doing anything else. I have been to the capital during vacations and it doesn't interest me at all. Life in the city is a life of the square, you go down the street and they take your watch, you get killed or you have to kill.

Table 14.3. Heads of household or spouse: agriculture for a better life

Response	Number	%
Remain in community	146	71.9
Leave community	104	37.2
No response	9	1.9
Total	467	100.0

Source: Basadre and Bernabé-Soto Surveys.

Many campesinos from all socio-economic levels would also prefer that their children stay with them in the mountains. In my random, open-ended spouse survey carried out in the summer of 2001, 10% of those interviewed indicated that if they had the resources they would prefer that their children remain with them in the Cofillón (Table 14.4). But as a male farmer from Los Papeles expressed it, in agriculture *de mucho trabajo sin poca producción* (farming is a lot of work and there is little production). Campesinos no longer see a future for their children in farming: 74.2% of informants in the park surveys clearly indicated that their children would be better off leaving the

Cordillera to pursue opportunities in another place, as did 36.7% of those interviewed in the opinion survey (Tables 14-3 and 14-4).

Table 14-3. Interviewees' Aspirations for their Children

Aspiration	N of responses	%
Remains in community	186	23.9
Leaves community	543	34.3
No response	13	2.8
Total	642	100.0

Source: *Access and Barometer Surveys (n=642)*

Table 14-4. Opinions regarding migration of children

Summary of opinion expressed	N	Valid %
Children should stay	173	18.7%
Would like for children to stay but they have to go to have a better life	188	19.2%
Children should go	460	26.7%
All children have already left	188	17.2%
No clear opinion	18	—

Source: *Opinion survey of Los Pinos and Los Pinos (N=11)*

Besides the lack of opportunities for making a living in the mountains, the primary reason that campesinos state that their children should migrate is to receive an education. The almost universal desire expressed by campesinos for their children to receive a solid education is one of the clearest expressions of a dying way of life in the Cordillera and of the almost complete incorporation of campesinos into a market and cash-based economy. The high priority placed on education indicates that campesinos are aware that a better education improves their children's chances of acquiring a decent-paying job in the urban areas and is paid as effective and as any aspiration for the intergenerational transmission of cash's over rural subsistence, the sign of a dying culture. The pursuit of an education has become one of the primary driving forces behind migration in the Cordillera. Typical was the following statement by a woman in

Las Vegas when the three young children.

It is better for them to go and establish themselves in another place because here on Las Vegas there isn't anything, there isn't development, there isn't a house there isn't any development for the children. The school there only reaches 4th grade. It is obligatory to leave here as they can study.

But the migration process has not been uniform. The constraints imposed on the farming economy of the Cordillera highlands have had a differential impact on young women and on men versus women.

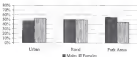


Figure 14-1 Urban, rural and study (park) area sex ratios from 1993 Colombian Census data

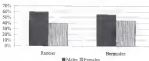


Figure 14-2 Comparative sex ratios from study area communities, from Rancos and Bermeles surveys, 1994 and 1995



Figure 14-3 Areas where population density declined between 1981 and 1993 according to the German National Census data



Figure 14-4 Areas where number of motor vehicles increased between 1981 and 1993 according to German National Census data

Sexualities Ratio

In rural areas of the Dominican Republic, sex ratios—typically measured by the number of males for every one hundred females in a given population—have historically tended to be skewed in favor of males, a phenomenon that is as common to the Caribbean.²⁰ But in recent years this has been a growing demographic trend in the country (Table 14.3, Figures 14.3 and 14.4). The 1990 Dominican National Census revealed that in areas with populations density of less than 200 people per square mile (250 people/km²) the masculinity index, or average 114 males for every 100 females. The over-representation of males is a trend even more evident in the very marginal rural areas in the Dominican Republic such as the remote highlands of the Cordillera. For example, for approximately 40 families inhabiting Pico de las Cuevas and Armando Bermúdez National parks, data from the 1990 Dominican National Census indicated a masculinity index of 123 males for every 100 females.²¹ In the survey data reported in 1998–99, the recorded combined sex ratios for the 18 parishes surveyed was 120 males for every 100 females (Figures 14.3 and 14.4).²² This high representation of males is an unusual phenomenon, especially in the Caribbean where sex ratios have been largely skewed towards females.



Figure 14.3 Age that children left rural household from Bermúdez survey (N=327)

Table 14-3. Estimated sex ratios for each study municipality.

Census year	San Juan de los Rios		Cayash		Arequipa	
	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
1923	104.7	93.3	104.7	104.3	105.4	87.0
1930	101.5	88.0	107.8	92.7	103.2	86.0
1940	95%	94%	95%	94%	96%	96%
1970	108.5	81.7	108.4	92.8	107.3	94.0
1981	111.0	92.0	111.4	101.0	110.0	95.8
1993	111.0	101.7	112.6	101.0	95%	92.8

Source: Demographic National Censuses 1923-1993.

Differential Male vs. Female Migration

The primary cause of male-skewed sex ratios in the study regions is the differential migration rate of females versus males, particularly among teenagers and young adults. Both women and men are migrating out of the remote highlands of the Cordillera, but women have been migrating in greater numbers than men. According to the 1981 survey conducted in the surroundings of Arequipa, for example, between 10-24 years of age 30.3% of females left (24.3% between 10-14 and 35.7% between 15-24) compared to 26.7% of males (14.0% between 10-14 and 33.3% between 15-24) (Figure 14-3). Explanations for greater female versus male migration could focus on the recent reorganization of national production and the consequent differential incorporation of women versus men into newly emerging non-traditional employment sectors, specifically duty-free zones and the relatively new agro-industrial sector (Raymond 1993, Isola 1993). One argument is that these non-traditional sectors act as pull factors, attracting impoverished female laborers from remote areas into the urban and agro-industrial workforce. An understatement of the most recent evidence seems to support this view. For example, 56% of duty-free zone employees are female (Comis n Nacional de Econ mica 2000). Furthermore, 82% of employees in non-traditional agricultural jobs are

22.5% of the economically active female population (Banco Central 2000).¹ In short, men continue to have an advantage in urban labor markets. If these urban labor markets were the sole or even principal causal dynamic propelling migration, then there should be more males migrating than females. As we have seen, the opposite is true.

Table 11-5. Employment and unemployment by sex in year 2000

Sex	% economically active of working age	Unemployment amongst economically active population
Males	55.3	7.9
Females	40.4	11.4

Source: Banco Central 2000

The fact is that men fill the majority of both old and new jobs in the Dominican Republic. Furthermore, there is little that can be considered attractive about most urban job opportunities open to women. The participation of women remains largely concentrated in non-professional, low paying jobs within the service sector of the economy, primarily in domestic service and as shop floor sales workers. Domestic service in particular was maintained by immigrants in Los Pinos and Los Piques as one of the primary urban job opportunities sought by female migrants.² But full-time work as domestic servants only pays \$1,000–1,000 pesos (US\$50–\$100) per month, although meals and board is often also included. The other major female job opportunity, working in the duty free zone, is no more enticing. In 2004, the maximum wage for a worker in the duty free zone was \$2400 00 pesos, or approximately US \$120 per month, US\$5 00 net/less, among the lowest paid industrial employment opportunities in the Western Hemisphere. To put these income levels in perspective, the Dominican Central Bank calculated that in 1999 the monthly cost of food for an average family was \$6,340 04 pesos per month (US \$178 60)—two and one half times the salaries in the duty free zone (Banco Central 1999).³ And to put these income levels in perspective with male incomes

unskilled Panamanian immigrant males working on urban construction sites earn at 4-5 days the monthly salary of a female Dominican domestic worker.¹⁰ Perhaps gender differentiated employment opportunities explain why studies suggest that as many as one in every ten Dominican women between the ages of 14 to 50 engage in prostitution.¹¹

Do all the female job opportunities in the city are extensive? Why have women in the remote areas of the Cordillera been leaving at greater rates than men? The most plausible explanation is that the destruction of the rural economy (discussed in previous chapters) has affected more deeply and harm more complete work respect in traditional female occupations than it has for male occupations. This trend has caused additional for making changes in behavior of the occupations. Before discussing these changes it is necessary to understand that they resulted from the interaction of two factors, one that did not change and one that did change significantly – underlying gender roles and changing demands for household tasks that traditionally fell to females and children.

Persistence of Gender Roles and Change in Demand for Female Labor

The traditional sex and age-based division of labor described in chapter 2 has changed little in the remote households of the Cordillera. Female responsibilities continue to be centered on household tasks and male work activities continue to be focused outside the household. There have been movements toward increasing female participation in political and administrative activities, such as school management and leadership in grassroots organizations. Furthermore, women have attempted to develop petty economic activities. In Los Perros, for example, a few women organize coffee – some women have started processing and local consumption, to sell processed coffee. But these activities are led by NGOs and Forest Corp initiatives and, on the whole, women continue to be largely excluded from primary economic activities, such as subsistence

(small scale) ownership and constraints. In contrast, women in *Las Papeas* report that female involvement in paid agricultural labor in the potato fields has increased, but women are still expected to perform domestic chores such as cooking, washing clothes, and housekeeping. Rural women still closely define men as the principal breadwinners and men still dominate politics and still control retail and wholesale trade. Women continue to preserve their economic participation outside of the household as temporary and justified only during times of crisis, and they express a preference for maintaining their traditional role as housewives (positive attitudes were also found by Pina et al. 1987: 264). One female informant from *Las Papeas* explained,

Expectations we work day jobs (perhaps die) (tying up the women, pulling up parks and rivers... we would gather potatoes and beans but women aren't able that. If we have the opportunity in which it has to be done, it has to be done. But often if you have your husband and he doesn't want you to work we thank God for that, (but there are many women who desire economy have had to color die (work as day laborers))

This quote expresses nicely the ideals of the traditional division of labor in the rural Dominican household. The ideal norms concerning the sexual division of labor have not changed, but what has changed since the 1950s there is that demands for female labor within the rural household. With the shift from dependency on household production to purchased industrial products both male and female domestic labor demands have declined precipitously. The declining viability of the domestic mode of production gave way to the high rates of out-migration from earlier. Men and women began leaving for urban centers and areas of non-traditional agricultural production, but the changing productive strategies had a greater impact on the demand for female labor than on the demand for male labor in rural areas. The domestic mode of production has been largely supplanted by a dependence on imported processed foods, industrial services

coaps, and other products sold on the market. This dependency is underwritten by income generated from legally male activities carried out within or independently of the household. Examples of these primarily male-coast's income-generating activities include extensive agricultural production (coffee and potato farming), livestock raising (in which livestock is sold on the hoof rather than processed first by the household), agricultural wage work, lumber contracting, honey gathering, remittances, small businesses, trade, sea and freight services.

Rural Peak Pattern

As discussed in the previous chapter, important transformations in rural life in the Cordillera territories began in the 1950s and 1960s and can be linked to State policies that gave prominence to urban industrial sectors and agricultural elites. Below I return and elaborate on these processes to show how women were impacted to a greater degree than men in the Cordillera.

Conservative Policies and Protected Area Formation

Strict forestry laws have affected rural areas throughout the country. But as is reflected in the maps shown above, many of the changes that have occurred in campesino life in the Cordillera have occurred elsewhere as well, and are not necessarily tied to the formation of protected areas. Nonetheless, there are similarities amongst the areas in which extremely diverse and intense the country land is now. For example, showed are areas over 120,000 acres either in the mountains or along the Dominican-Haitian border area along the so-called "agrarian frontier" (appendix D, Figure D-3). These are marginalised areas that share similar characteristics, particularly the fact that the "traditional" campesino adaptation in the Dominican Republic have generated the largest exodus areas. Along the remote southern slopes of the Cordillera, forestry laws and parks

Sanction represented the closing of the agricultural frontier in that region. Furthermore, earlier chapters showed that there were three aspects of park formation that made traditional campesino household-oriented productive strategies extremely difficult: 1) land was being pulled out of cultivation by the creation of the parks, 2) household production strategies as well as those were criminalized by making it illegal to plant, graze or cut trees without a permit, even on private holdings, and 3) household production strategies were rendered unsustainable by taxing free-ranged animals and denying public lands farmers access to agricultural credit.

These processes affected men and women. Men were affected because they were no longer able to access land for traditional male campesino activities, principally foraging and livestock raising. Many men who realized that land no longer already present had migrated out of the region. Significantly, those men who stayed were forced to abandon their agricultural practices. Those with little land increased their reliance on agricultural wage labor, sought alternative subsistence strategies, such as involvement in trade, or devised new strategies based on a combination of opportunities, such as chocolate bushening, penitling, or producing wild honey in the mountains. But for the households whose members managed to remain in the hinterlands of the Cordillera the impacts differentially affected women. While men attended income-generating activities outside the household women found themselves with less to do. Women food processing tasks, fewer responsibilities for weaving sholas and making other products like soap used in the household, fewer responsibilities for housing and raising children and, as will be discussed below, with the introduction of Mexican labor even fewer domestic cleaning opportunities. The reduction in the female labor tasks associated with the decline

in context (gender place) and livestock raising is involved in the household of wife

Female informant from Las Vegas:

In many ways, things in the past were better. With modernization and all of that, today is better but it is times past we lived with less business and less problems. Before it was more comfortable. In the house we had pots, stoves, chickens (and now) if it was it forced on you can't have any of that. Now we live more poorly, we live more comfortably but we live more poorly. We used to eat things that my mother made. It's worked in agriculture in my house, we planted maize, corn, potatoes, we had milk, chickens, goats, pigs, because we had the means to have all of that. Instead of having in the market, we looked to the market (gender) before we lived off of agriculture but now we live off of money. Before you could go three months without finding any money. Now it is not like that.

In summary, State intervention through conservation policies and protected area formation began to alter labor needs within the household and extra household labor opportunities for women, creating conditions in which female began to represent surplus labor within the household. This process would be further exacerbated by other factors: **Urban and Industrial Based State Development Policies**

The importance of female labor in the women Cueliblers was further diminished by the increasing availability of processed foods and the progressive decline in market prices for traditional staples. The primary engine behind this trend, especially as artificial restrictions on the traditional agricultural economy was, as described previously, the creation of the agrarian price-control agency INCOPAE and the State engineered reduction in the market price of basic foodstuffs. These new productive strategies promoted in the post-1940s period relied on a low wage labor force and the encouragement of international capital investment in the country. The effect of flooding the Dominican market with ready-to-eat, food staples drove the prices of many traditional staples down, staples that had depended for processing on female and child household labor.

In the Conditions, the impact the depressed market had on campesino livelihoods was intensified by the conservation policies. The formation of protected areas took vast amounts of land out of the hands of campesinos. The restrictions on access to forest cover on lands limited the number of yearly harvests that could be dedicated to subsistence crops. Furthermore, the diminished productivity of remaining lands as well as the emergence of plagues related to more extensive agricultural production drove up the costs of production, increasingly requiring that costly investments be made in fertilisers or pesticides. As a result, farmers began to find themselves ever more dependent on the outside (global) market for food products and, consequently, on each source of expense. Land scarcity therefore associated with the availability of land and food, creating situations where men were desperately trying to hang onto traditional subsistence strategies, working harder, with less, to produce enough to sustain families, meanwhile campesino women were cooking processed foods differently lowering the amount of time they were engaged in productive household labor activities.¹¹ Thus the same effect of reduced agricultural prices, availability of relatively inexpensive processed foods, and artificially reduced land security that led to declining productivity was to reflect both the possibilities and necessities for the production of *muyto muyto* and make imported processed foods a major part of the Conditions diet.¹²

With the progressive decline of the economy of the Conditions, many families began looking for wage opportunities in the city. The campesinos who stayed have been forced to do so as a living through independent or for or piece production supplemented by wage work, remittances or other income generating strategies. Others have become full time rural professionals on agricultural farms, or work in transportation or other semi-commercial activities. Women, with their role in the home reduced, were left with

even lower options in the rural areas. Some women entered the ranks of seasonal day laborers—where they found themselves competing with low-wage Haitian immigrants for seasonal agricultural jobs.

The Location of Haitian Migrant Labor

Another factor that further increased the declining demand for female labor was the arrival of Haitians. In the wake of competition fighting for the same same male Haitian migrant laborers. Informants report that Haitians first began arriving in Los Pinos and Los Pinos during the mid-to late 1980s.³³ Today, in communities like Los Pinos, Haitians constitute over 30% of the work force, performing agricultural tasks such as weeding, planting, and harvesting coffee.³⁴ They also tend animals and perform simple construction tasks and other chores such as fetching wood.³⁵

It was primarily the larger farmers who facilitated the massive influx of Haitian workers. The largest coffee and potato farmers employ and house hundreds of Haitians during harvest and planting seasons.³⁶ Farmers establish ongoing relationships with Haitian labor recruited to cooperate with experience in the Dominican Republic. The intricate nature of local of Haitian role in which they organize, manage and conduct labor issues. Medium and large farmers also establish relationships with particular workers who divide their time between Los Pinos, Haiti and other areas of the Dominican Republic.³⁷

Experiences of supplier and racist attitudes regarding Haitian migrant workers are frequently heard but tend to be especially concentrated among Dominican small farmers and laborers. Small farmers and low-level laborers who rely on agricultural jobs for household income almost universally resent the presence of Haitians. Many explain that

the Haitians have lost a lot of wages and taken agricultural jobs from Dominicans. Typical statements by localists informants include the following:

Haiti. On Dominicans not having a hard time because when a Dominican wants to do a job, they use Haitians instead. The Haitian does a job for \$2000 pesos, and the Dominican would do it for \$1000 pesos. That is why they have been brought here, because the Haitian works more cheaply than the Dominican.

— Juan Peña, Los Pinos

The coming of Haitians here has been bad because I'm poor and I work in agriculture and the work that I had for Haitians have taken from me. They come from Haiti and work at a lower price than I do. A job that I would do for \$400 pesos they do for \$20 pesos and that affects all of the Dominicans.

— Luis Sánchez, newspaper store, Los Pinos

Peña's responses say that Haitians exploit workers not willing to work for such low wages because they are desperate for food and do not have families to take care of. Given amongst poor Dominicans, Haitians have the reputation of being amazingly frugal. As an informant from Los Pinos expressed it:

The Haitians have been really affecting the economy. The Haitian is now earning the money from the jobs that the Dominican workers did. A businessman would pay a Dominican, for example, 100 pesos, but he only pays a Haitian 50 pesos. The Haitian does not have to take care of a family either they save their money, they eat and dress themselves and the little that is left over they take back to Haiti. But the Dominican has to worry about the children, the mother, the father and the house. So it is affecting us too much. One of the areas that is affecting the country are the demands and demands of Haitians that come here.

Dominicans could demand and insist on it that Haitians do not work as well as Dominicans. They say that Haitians pick the easier chores when they are given and do not perform other jobs as they are told. "They are lazy, stupid. They say 'yes' but then they work according to their own beliefs. Dominicans do as they are told."¹⁰ In contrast, the larger sector has a more sympathetic attitude toward Haitian migrants. They say that not only do Haitians work harder, they work for lower wages and are more flexible than Dominicans. They claim that Haitians are more reliable and happy

less vibrantly over prices for the carrying out of placements (sales) (see quote) such as weeding. The same farmers explain that whereas Dominicans must no longer produce a regular *hacha* and tend to be less reliable due to family obligations, the Haitians, whose families are distant and do not order immediate demands on them, work long hours and under more difficult conditions. Farmers are often willing to accept payment after all work has been completed and the harvest sold, which reduces farmers of the need to reserve capital to pay their families the harvest takes place.

Many farmers state that Haitians have played a pivotal role in allowing agriculture in the Caribbean to continue. Interview and larger-scale farmers in Las Peñas, for example, claim that due to net migration there are no longer sufficient Dominicans available to carry out the coffee harvest. In the words of Alfonso, a capataz (overseer) who watches over the coffee groves and lands of a family that left the community for the United States, "if it were not for the Haitians everyone would have had to abandon their coffee groves. He [sic] less than 20% of the weeding of the coffee groves and the harvesting of coffee is carried out by Haitians. If there weren't Haitians, the coffee harvest would be lost."

Cheaper Haitian labor has filled the void required by larger landowners as their endeavor is continue to produce.¹⁷ But at the same time, Haitians have virtually taken over as laborers during the coffee harvest, the primary traditional extra-household income opportunity available to women and children in Las Peñas.¹⁸ By doing this, not only have Haitian migrant laborers filled the void of departing women in these jobs, but they have also reduced the need for women as one of the few sources for female labor in the rural area.

The Modernization of Daily Life and Fertility Reduction

Another factor that has filled the road and acted as positive feedback, further lowering the demand on female household labor, is the introduction of labor saving devices such as gas stoves, kettles, piped water, and washing machines. The availability of pre-laminated clothes has reduced time for sewing and darning as well as the making of clothes. The recent introduction of these devices and products effectively lowers the amount of time and number of women primarily in accomplishing individual household labor tasks.

Table 14-5. Percentage of household labor saving devices

	Piped water	Gas stove	Washer	Sewing machine	Gasstove	Water pump	Motor cycle	Car	TV
Low	13.5	42.4	11.7	1.5	8.4	43.4	32.4	7.1	11.1
High	54.9	69.9	4.8	8.8	3.1	54.3	14.4	2.4	29.4

Source: 2005 technology surveys

Table 14-6. Average number of years household labor saving device

	Piped water	Gas stove	Washer	Sewing machine	Gasstove	Water pump	Motor cycle	Car	TV
Low	7.7	7.4	1.4	0.2	5.7	5.2	5.1	3.3	4.7
High	7.7	4.3	1.2	8	10	3.4	4.8	8.8	3.4

Source: 2005 technology surveys

Table 14-7. Approximate date of first introduction of technology

	Piped water	Gas stove	Washer	Sewing machine	Gasstove	Water pump	Motor cycle	Car	TV
Low	1971	1987	1991	1976	1974	1982	1986	1985	1983
High	1968	1979	1988	70s	1977	1984	1980	1978	1988

Source: 2005 technology surveys

My data shows that gas stoves and piped water were the earliest labor saving devices introduced into the region and they are currently the most widespread. Whereas in the past women cooked almost exclusively with rudimentary woodstoves and charcoal

grills, today most stoves in the park areas have wood, charcoal and gas stoves. In Los Pinos, gas stoves were introduced through private initiatives. In Los Pinos, they were introduced privately but a government-sponsored program for displaced persons (persons displaced as a result of the protestant wars) also distributed stoves in Los Pinos in the mid-1990s. In Los Pinos, the first gas stove was introduced approximately 14 years ago and currently over 62 % of households have access to gas-cooking fuel. Similarly, in Los Pinos, the first gas stove was introduced in the area 1995 although it was not until the early 1990s that donors began to prohibit the practice to collect park and forestry lands related to charcoal making and the collection of firewood. Currently, 64% of women have gas stoves in Los Pinos (Tables 24-7 lines 18-9).

Donors also added cash transfer (approximately US\$6 dollars for a scheduled 58-pound sack of grain 2001 which buys an average household approximately 4 weeks) food allowances express a preference for gas stoves.²⁷ They emphasize that the introduction of gas stoves saves at least 15-to 1-hour cooking time for each meal, as opposed to the labor saving by children in the collection of firewood.²⁸

The second major issue and labor saving is piped water. In Los Pinos, almost 94 % of households have piped water, acquired primarily within the last 10 years. Although water is not scarce in Los Pinos, women claim that piped water saves them and their daughters time in their trips to the closest water source per day. It also saves considerable time in washing clothes, which typically required spending up to a full-day per week at the river. In Los Pinos, the households have piped water, but three years ago a water pump was installed in the corner of one of the major basins of the acrofta. In summary, these two technological innovations, but especially the introduction of piped

water, have significantly reduced the time and labor that women previously had to invest in conducting mundane household tasks.

Fertility

Latex using devices and the general shift in household livelihood strategies have also contributed to lower fertility rates. Women are not only practicing birth control due to the prevalence of contraceptive technologies but rather, more importantly, in a response to the reduced need for children (Schwartz 2008). The reduced need for children in Las Pintas and Las Pajas is linked to the decline in subsistence production and the increase in availability of labor-saving devices. As children have become less needed in terms of labor they have also become more costly to rear in such areas. In the words of a 46 year-old Las Pajas woman with eight children,

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| <i>Question:</i> | <i>Are people having as many children as families in the past?</i> |
| <i>Answer:</i> | <i>No, not I into that anymore. The economy is very hard.</i> |
| <i>Question:</i> | <i>How do people manage with such large families?</i> |
| <i>Answer:</i> | <i>Caring great is milk, now is milk, to the youngest ones. In the morning they would make them eat with cream of beans, for dinner they would prepare another thing with a little of milk and they (the children) would eat themselves. [Now] you have to buy a tin [of powdered milk] that costs 140 pesos or so in the supermarket, and if it is a small milk it is 525 pesos.</i> |
| <i>Question:</i> | <i>So now people don't want to have so many children because it costs them a lot of money?</i> |
| <i>Answer:</i> | <i>The last girl that I had tested like such. [The costs of raising her] are bleeding me to death (i.e., draining her financially).</i> |

The use of total fertility is the primary method employed by demographers to control fertility. In Las Pajas, female informants recall that the first women to prepare it (usually "prepare herself") did so approximately 30 years ago. Today there appears to be an overall drop in the fertility rate beginning with women in the 30 to 40 age range (Figures 14-7).

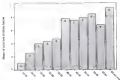


Figure 14.7 Female fertility by 5 year age groups from Demographic survey, n=134

A reduction in fertility represents a reduced labour burden for women as responsibilities for feeding and caring children were reduced. At the same time, lowered fertility reduces the need for female children in the household to attend to the younger brothers and sisters and participate in other household tasks made more cumbersome by larger family sizes.

Conclusion

The recognition of production is important to state policies, including the formation of parks and the strict application of FORESTA policies, dependent components of measures to implement livelihood strategies. This shift away from dependence on traditional household livelihood strategies also affirmed the importance of household labor. The result was smaller outmigration. The majority of companies living in the Cordillera seem to view farming as an important option for themselves, and above all, for their children's future. Companies who have not left the Cordillera seem to provide an education for their children and in light of the fact that schools in the remote

legislators, at best, provide the opportunity to complete his grade, or first opportunity they attempt to send their children into the urban areas to study.

But the process of expropriation was infused with an internal ideographic dimension by Christian standards. The forces that drove emigration had a differential impact on women and girls that it had on men and boys. Families began leaving at great pace this week. While men responded by turning to extra-household income generating occupational work beyond the household, the performance of non-expropriated extra-household tasks that still need to be accomplished—such as gathering wood and fruit, and caring for livestock—women and girls became too critical to the processes that sustained households. This was due not to any one factor in isolation but to an accumulation of factors that reduced both the need for female labor in the household as well as further reduced opportunities for females to engage in extra-household labor activities in the rural areas. New trade policies brought about by international pressure in combination with “food relief” opened the floodgates to inexpensive imported foods, foods that were already processed. Labor saving technologies such as piped water and gas stoves were introduced into the household. The process became self-reinforcing. If female labor was increasingly supplemented with labor saving devices and the decline in demands for household labor meant monetary costs for additional family members became an increasing concern, giving way to increased sex-of-consciousness and a reduction in fertility. Fertility reduction lowered the children burden and increased female and child time commitments even further. Simultaneous to the falling need for female labor within the household, the increase of inexpensive blanket labor reduced the need for female and child participation in the harvesting of coffee and other crops, the major traditional female and child economic opportunity in many areas of the highlands.

of the Caribbean. Without a corresponding shift in the sexual division of labor, women and particularly their female children represented an increasing financial burden in rural campesino households and had few opportunities other than marriage or migration into the cities.

The following chapter will show how these gender-based processes—processes that derived from the values imposed changes in women in land, labor, capital, and markets seen in the previous chapters—reverberated throughout the social structure to determine specific transformations in peasant social institutions such as marriage and the sexual division of labor.

Notes

¹ The average population growth rate occurred between 1950 when the Dominican state created a population of 4,000,000 and 1980 (pop. 7,500,000) was 2.0% and between 1980 and 1990 (pop. 7,950,000) was 2.2%.

² Due to the previously described process of demographic change the peak was also made place in the late 1980s, the population of the country in which has been witnessed a marked increase between the 1980 and 1990 census. Nevertheless, this phenomenon is secondary in the Caribbean.

³ There has been a considerable amount of literature that documents the phenomenon of international migration. In the Caribbean context see, for example, Graham and Graham 1991; Goyens 1990. However, the discussion of the semi-autonomous institutions who regulate out-of-the country borders bordering the state is absent in the Dominican Republic, as is demonstrated in Table D.1, appendix D.

⁴ Sex ratios derived in the three studies, being those currently based on good data of the Dominican Republic, with historic accuracy in the Caribbean, especially in the English and French Caribbean. For almost century, with major migration to urban and industrial agricultural zones resulted in increases ranging from below the expected 100 males in 100 females (Table D.2, appendix D).

⁵ Data were specific to subgroups of populations and sex ratios in families surveyed in the study regions, see Table D.1, appendix D.

⁶ Two of the studies families surveyed published are more higher than 100 males every 100 females, only two studies published (see notes that in global economic system, discussed in the context of the other documents) studied their institutional system in the context of the study as a national level of the low numbers of individuals in the respective communities representing a significant population of only 1.1 of the 2,738 individuals sampled (Table D.4, appendix D).

⁷ Studies indicate that families represent 80-90% of all residents in domestic census in the Dominican Republic (1990, 2000, 2005, 2010).

² This average is for urban families outside of the capital of Santo Domingo with 4-5 members and low wage earners. According to the Census, this average should not be compared to the minimum wage, because the families in the investigation (i.e. those with the lowest levels of consumption) are typical of \$2000-22,000 RD\$ (RD\$ 100) households. Chronocytosis research provides a first justification for measuring policies that impact relatively low wages and income for poorer Dominican households in light of regional poverty and misery.

³ The average net pay for workers in the Dominican Republic is especially 75% of that of salaries for males (2006-07 survey).

⁴ This figure was extrapolated from a survey of which data were taken from "small work groups" that contained there are currently 16000 female Dominican producers working within the borders of the Dominican Republic and another 10000 working outside of the country (Morán Heredia 1997). Similarly, a study carried out by UNICEF in the early 1990s concluded that in the Dominican Republic 20-40% women between the ages of 12 and 16 (both under and beyond) participate in economic activity, which is the rate reported approximately 7% of the total population under that age category (2006-07 survey 141). It should be noted also that prostitution is increasingly a female activity. Male prostitutes have mostly moved to "tourist" centers (prostitutes especially in tourist areas). No estimates to more recent trend regarding the number of male prostitution prostitutes in the country.

⁵ Labor and Police estimates that coffee farmers in the Cordillera Septentrional produce approximately 20% of their household incomes approximately 3.7% of their total income towards the cost of food (1997-2000). In this study I relied on reported production estimates as well as percentage sharehousehold income that has occurred in which reported production has been increasingly reduced away from subsistence production towards cash cropping and that the vast majority of food consumed in companies has been purchased. Estimates provided by informants in Las Puntas regarding the cost of food that household income produced on the family farm were roughly 40% of what low than their reported under short-term survey.

⁶ The British colonization Las Puntas also reported the longest period of regular migration the Dominican Republic since their labor working in the Caribbean in 1900.

⁷ Many informants have long been in presence in the Dominican sugar plantations but it was only until more recently that Puntas began informants' income estimates in their agricultural sectors of the Dominican Republic, including those that production in the study region. There are clear reasons for this. In light of international protection and trade in the international market especially in the coffee sector as well as previously discussed government policies, the low market prices for agricultural products and high production costs have increasingly driven down agricultural wages (Kjelson 1996: 112). Wages have reached a point in which they can no longer maintain the social reproduction of rural Dominican agricultural and peasant families – rather, increased debt. Consequently have migrated into the cities. Furthermore, continued access to capital and other resources have required workers and larger producers to continue to rely on cheap labor in various ways as opposed to government or technological innovation.

⁸ In the case of Honduras in Las Puntas, the population of Honduran migrant workers was entirely male and consisted of 20 workers, representing approximately 7.4% of the population of the border. This was true during the 1980s. During historic periods suggest that workers are concentrated in 17% of the total population of the study region in Honduras workers are not included in the statistical census or the survey conducted in this study. In Las Puntas, all workers were male and were very young, falling within the age range of 15 to 20 although few old men were seen on their work days and the older way in the field. An informant in the border in Las Puntas was clear, although the majority have family off-site in their villages and in both working both in the. In contrast, in Las Puntas were female Honduran workers (mostly 15-20 years old) and Nicaraguans and Honduran in the greater fields.

⁹ Details of coffee policy in which workers are paid by volume (per change), the per quart (per half) agreement in the more common arrangement that Dominican farmers enter into with Honduran workers.

Formerly negative depictions began to be put forward on the nature of the work. If the work requires a considerable time to complete, the housework that the Chinese wife does, the work of which are withdrawn from the front-porch, and simply, cleaning, sewing, especially to maintain a child's bedroom in the bedroom to maintain the yard of the Chinese house. These Chinese negative view report that they are going from urban to countryside, a position is equivalent that their status. However, on the other hand to work in the city they believed, although the salary was much less, frequency than they spent again management. The daily pay in 2001 ranged between 100,000 to 150,000 (US \$1 10-15 US \$) plus the provision of two meals a day (breakfast and lunch) by the employer.

⁷⁷ Luomei and others (1994) also argue that since the PRC's death has been a Chinese agricultural production has been increasingly become permanent residents of the Chinese Republic (moving to rural Chinese employment in urban was seasonal leave). These their showed that the late PRC the majority of Chinese did not working in the urban permanently in the Chinese Republic. In contrast to these findings all of the early workers (recruited in Los Pinos) described an intention to move to their to a typical level. The majority of Chinese migrant workers in Los Pinos could barely speak Spanish. Furthermore, they reported that their families were located in China.

⁷⁸ The fact that families and small families perceive Chinese laborers as a domestic labor source to their paying job frequently translates into a perception of migration, most prominent and in some extent abuse of migrant or illegal Chinese migrants. Chinese are often accused of being poor in working and to committing other crimes, such as rape. Examples of such attitudes in the words of Chinese informants are the following:

Can you't have kids in Chinese because a Chinese is like a dog, the Chinese without rights. A Chinese also something better you during the day and at night, who is going to punish? You don't punish because they are all in debt.

Many Chinese women are being lost. People are changing over to Catholicism. In fact they (the migrant Chinese) have lost everything in life. It's Chinese women get together with Chinese, take the women have subject herself to the extent they let someone. Generally it is a Chinese male who supports Chinese women, but he had to be subject himself to the extent.

I don't like Chinese much. A while ago, some Chinese women were in a roadside and something went wrong with things there and one of the Chinese told him, give me money or I will kill you. He had 1000 pesos with him and they asked him: he I want and spoke to him couple and told him that we want a going to merge Chinese. Another lady who was involved women, noted that they didn't want to go to school or to the outside.

Nevertheless, negative feelings and racist sentiments towards Chinese are not universal, even amongst migrants and Chinese. Although they were the parents of the Chinese because they also give away also understood that the Chinese are like them, simply trying to survive. In the words of an informant in Los Pinos:

They were like them the Chinese. I am saying (in saying daily because they are just looking for an opportunity and they do it out of necessity. Those that are in China are the parents of the work, because they don't offer work in China.

⁷⁹ Furthermore, as during rural labor came down, the presence of Chinese labor is an urban issue whereby the workers have been from the majority Chinese labor in the urban sector. The possibility of dependent vulnerability low wage Chinese labor their status that wages are concentrated in the lowest levels for all workers both Chinese and Mexican (Johngy 1998).

⁸⁰ According to the informants, these Chinese women generally meet their demand. Overall, the Chinese in Los Pinos and Los Pinos appear to live relatively well, especially in comparison to the Chinese conditions described in the literature regarding Indians in the sugar plantations (Johngy-Perez et al. 1998).

CHAPTER 15 BOYS WITH, GIRLS WITHOUT: MIGRATION AND CHANGING SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Introduction

With the decline of the household as the principal mode of production, additional non-contributing family members came to represent financial drains on household resources; resources were obtained largely through extra-household, male-centric income-earning activities. Evidence suggests that rural families in the past were not discouraging the departure of female children at young ages. At the same time, as noted in chapter 13 many rural farmers continue to rely primarily on household labor to carry out farming activities. For that reason, farmers continue to make efforts to retain at least some male children in the household. The primary mechanisms that need to be taken into account regarding the 'release' of females from the household are marriage, education, and channeling them into urban job opportunities.

Marriage Patterns

The primary mechanism through which women leave the rural communities at greater rates than males is marriage, or more specifically in the case of the past, arranged marriages. Rural communities tend to be patriarchal, meaning that upon entering most young women leave their home communities and move to the community of their new husband. In the past, the loss of local women was largely compensated for by young women from outside marrying into the communities. Our data suggests that women are

marrying out at increasingly younger ages. Importantly, they are also using marriage as a means of escaping into better towns and cities. As a 34-year-old young woman from Las Pomas stated: "The girls here, a lot of them marry boys from outside. My two sisters went to the town of La Vega, which is a long way away from here. Better marry to go to [the married capital]." During Antikwarik, another girl eloped with a man from La Vega whom she had just met during the town's *Fiesta Patronales* (Patron Saint Feast). In the words of Lolo, a 33-year-old married female when describing the man: "Girls here generally prefer to marry men from outside, to go, to have an adventure."⁴

Men in the rural areas, on the other hand, are finding it they at least begin and marry older, or at least many remain single.⁵ Thus, early marriage is functioning as one mechanism whereby girls are leaving, being thrown off, or perhaps it could be said, being expelled from the household in the study region.

The vast majority of marriages begin as consensual unions that share are customs and social rules related to the consolidation of a consensual union that achieve the relationship with formality and social recognition.⁶ The 'marriage' is typically planned in secret and involves no elopement. The 'groom' occupies with the 'bride' to a motel in a nearby town, in a relative's house, or in his parent's house. When their daughter fails to appear at a reasonable hour, the parents recognize that she has been 'taken'. In Las Pomas tradition denotes that the man appear on the following day to ask the bride's parents for forgiveness for taking their daughter. In Las Pomas, where the majority of residents are migrants from the south, the traditional practice is called the "barru mame", the taking of the hand. The new 'bride' generally remains hidden in the house of the male's family, *everywhere* (particularly), until the sixth day. During that time the male visits his parents and asks for their blessing. On the sixth day the bride emerges and a

dance or party is held to celebrate the union and bring the families together. The families and other members of the community then provide a social legitimization to the union similar to the marriage ceremony in western societies. The couple is then to use another as husband and wife—"expose" or "expose" and "expose" or "expose") and is expected to form an independent household and produce children.

Parents reportedly expect that once their daughters are "taken," they become the full responsibility of their husbands. They tell their new "son-in-law" that the daughter has now become his responsibility—for a is provide for her fully and not mention her. The consequence explains that once their daughters are taken they undergo a transformation. They become *exposed* (women) and are expected to return to the parental household only in the event of a crisis in the relationship such as abandonment or severe mistreatment by the husband.¹²

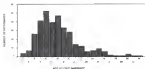


Figure 12-1. Female age at first marriage from Dominican survey, n=340

Of particular significance is the fact that the Dominican Republic has a Code for the Protection of Girls, Boys and Adolescents (Law No. 14-94) that provides parents with broad authority over their children who are legally minors (under the age of 18). The law

prohibits taking a sister from the paternal home, which is regarded as the legal equivalent of kidnapping.⁷ Local authorities interviewed emphasized emphatically that if parents turn on the violator, the law is strictly applied. The violator (generally a man) will be fined and, according to the law, may be incarcerated for a period of one to five years.⁸ But the fact is that parents are not turning on men for sleeping with their young daughters. On the contrary, it appears that parents are increasingly using 'marriage' as a mechanism to escape the burden of raising the daughters who no longer have a significant economic value to the household. The sheriffs of Los Pinos and Los Pinos and their deputies on the border emphasized that it is unusual for the girl's parents to bring suit against men who have slept with young girls. And yet, in both Los Pinos and Los Pinos a striking number of young women were identified who entered into first unions between 11 and 14 years of age. Looking at Figure 15.1, it can be seen that girls begin entering unions at relatively significant numbers by the age of 14. By 18 years of age, 54% of women in the 1998-99 surveys reported having been in at least one union.

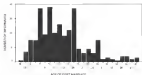


Figure 15.2 Male first age at marriage from Sonolider survey (n=525)

Marriage at three young ages is a rare phenomenon in the rural Cordillera. The Bernadine survey data reflects that the average age of marriage for females between the ages of 15-19 is 17.5, almost two years younger than the average 19.1 years of age for women who are now over the age of 20 (total age: 40,000). One 45-year-old male informant from Los Pozos explained:

They don't have experience to attend to a household. In our culture—in the town that I was raised it was very difficult for a girl of 14 to become involved with beginning her own family. Not all of them, but [now] they are marrying, becoming head wife. This began some time ago that they are marrying so young. Before a normal age for them to marry was 22 or 23.

Men enter unions later and over a much broader range of ages (24 years 15-23) in contrast to the 11% of women who are or have been married by the age of 14, only 7% of males have entered a union by that age. The average age of first union for males is over four years older than their female cohorts (22-84). Even more significantly, however, many males do not enter unions until their mid to late 20s. Thirty-one percent of males marry for the first time at the age of 25 or over. In comparison, 20% of females are married by the age of 19. Consequently, males stay at the parental home for a longer period of time. Of the single individuals in the Bernadine survey in 1999 over the age of 16 (n=115), 88% are males and only 20% are females. This percentage differential increases in single individuals under their 20s. Of single individuals over the age of 20 (n=101), 81.7% are male, only 13.7% are female. Over the age of 24 (n=63), 81.7% of the single individuals in the sample are male and 11.7% are female.

An elderly male informant from Los Pozos explained, "the male child is worth more." While parents are allowing daughters to leave earlier, they continue to hold onto their sons. One 68-year-old campesino from one of the leading families of Los Pozos has five children, three males and two females. Both daughters left the

community and married in Santiago. But his sons have stayed in the community. Edwin stated that he had been ill lately, and so his age has limited the hope to stay at home. “I taught them to work, to work in the rubber fields. They find jobs as day laborers. I can send them to do errands by themselves and other things which I cannot do with girls. Sweeping, cleaning, cooking, that is basically what they do.”

Although during this interview Doris Cordón, her wife, suggested to him that it would be nice to have a female in the house to help her with the chores, Edwin said that his sons are in no position to marry and bring a girl home. Edwin stated emphatically “my sons can’t fall in love yet because there isn’t any woman available for them.”

Thus, while parents are allowing daughters to leave earlier by providing them with the freedom to enter into unions at increasingly young ages, they are continuing to hold onto their sons because of their continuing importance to the viability of the rural domestic economy. The demographic explosion of the female as a skilled pay in the physical presence of women in the 15-to 25 year age range is a principal cause of the anthropological era crisis identified in the region.¹⁰

Education

As discussed in chapter 13, one of the primary indicators of the ‘lying way of life’ in the Cordónes consists of the great desire expressed by campesino parents that their children, both males and females, receive an education. This is despite the fact that the parents themselves have experienced an average of less than three years of schooling and many have never attended school.¹¹ However, schools in the Cordónes/haciendas generally do not provide beyond a 4th grade education (although a couple of the larger municipal centers have schools that reach 6th grade). High school is only available in the larger towns and cities. For that reason, campesinos express the desire to send their

children out of the rural area is continue their studies, as reflected in the following statements.⁸

I've said it would be better for my children to go so they can do their studies. I want them to achieve the best that they can, especially in their studies. If they can, they can become professionals, and if least they decide that they will aspire to be farmers they decide that too. But if they can do something that isn't agriculture well, that would be better, because agriculture isn't easy. I work in agriculture because I don't know anything else. If I knew something else, I wouldn't work in agriculture. It is lots of work. And productive? Nothing.
Fernando: 40-year-old farmer in Las Papas

If I had the opportunity, I would like to send them out. Out of here, I would give them what my father didn't give me, an education—which is what I needed the most.

—Narciso, 42-year-old agricultural worker in Los Pintos

What I have been thinking about up until now is, God willing, to send my kids away from here. You can't raise an agronomist locally—you have to take them a little closer to other areas (towns) so that they make up.⁹ The school here reaches 6th grade, and now they are going to add 7th grade. After that, I hope to buy a small place in town, if I can get some money, and continue working here but leave my wife and kids to town.

—Rafaelito, 35-year-old farmer in Las Papas

I want them to leave. I say it as a result of my experience, my father didn't want me to study, and so I was only able to complete 4th grade. To continue studying, I would have had to go down to another village, but my parents wouldn't let me go down. Maybe I would be better off now. Instead of I go to Saraguro to work I could work in a town (as a domestic servant) but I am not going to find a comfortable job because I don't know how to read and write.

—Carmen, 37-year-old teacher in Las Papas

Compulsory expense on expenses to provide both male and female children the opportunity to receive an education. But they also expense a desire to keep at least some male children closer to home to work on the family lands. On the other hand, comments from informants suggest that acquiring an education has become incorporated into the gender roles of families: "the boys work, the girls study, the work of women doesn't get as complicated as that of boys, [who have to work] to obtain money to survive," stated one informant. When a female informant from Las Papas was asked "Do you want your

daughters to stay here in the community," her response was: "Oh, no, the schools are too far away." And in the words of the director of the school in Las Pintas: "Parents keep the boys and send the girls to study. The girls have more freedom to study." Besides marriage, therefore, another cause of skewed sex ratios is the fact that parents are sending their daughters to the cities in greater numbers than their sons to continue their studies.

School enrollment does support the comments of the informants. In both Las Pintas and in Las Pajas, there were more males enrolled in grade school than females, a fact reflecting the male-skewed sex ratios (Table 13-1). But at the high school level there is a dramatic reversal. The male/female ratio of enrollments changes from 1:1.2 for grades 4-8 to .6:1 for grades 9-12 (Table 13-2). The same trend exists in the municipality of Santiago, one of the primary destinations of migrants of the region, with a ratio of 1:1.4 for grades 1-8 and .6:1 for grades 9-12 (Escuela de Educación: Statistics Department). Similarly, in Las Pintas several other high school programs were recently visited with an enrollment of 8 females and 3 males (despite the fact that the sex ratio in Las Pintas for individuals between the ages of 15 and 24 is 1.5:1).¹⁰

Table 13-1. Enrollment in Schools of Las Pintas and Las Pajas 2000-2001

Grade	Las Pintas				Las Pajas ^a			
	Initial male	Final male	Initial female	Final female	Initial male	Final male	Initial female	Final female
1 st	7	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
2 nd	6	6	7	6	-	-	-	-
3 rd	12	12	6	7	3	3	3	3
4 th	12	18	3	5	1	0	0	0
5 th	8	8	7	7	3	3	3	3
6 th	11	9	7	7	13	13	3	2
7 th	3	3	3	3	30	18	3	4
8 th	8	6	4	4	32	18	8	5
Totals	58	58	46	46	44	40	29	24
Sex ratio	1:1				1:1			

^aThis school in Las Pajas only teaches 1st grade.

Source: Interview with the school's director in Las Pintas and Las Pajas in 2001.

Table 11-3 Student enrollment by municipality (1979-2000)

Municipality	Students					
	Grades 1-4		Grades 5-8		Grades 9-12	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Cuernavaca	628	411	4,288	4,008	757	1,048
Juchitancito	473	404	4,083	3,578	928	1,126
Atlixco	113	119	1,276	1,028	189	228
San José de las Flores	434	377	1,033	4,053	748	797
Total	1,648	1,341	17,684	14,668	1,622	2,203
Sex Ratio	123		118		89	

Source: Secretaría de Estado de Educación, Sistema de Estadísticas, Banco de Datos.

The family of Ramoncito Papón illustrates how competence in the study region tend to push their daughters through school, sending the girl away to towns and various centers while at the same time trying to hold on to the boys. Ramoncito is a middle-aged father from the outskirts of Las Flores, who has nine children, five girls and four boys.

Ramoncito's eldest daughter left to study in Las Flores, the municipal capital, when she was 15 years old. Initially, she would return home on weekends. Then she met a man in town and married when she was 16. After marrying she abandoned her studies and never completed her first year of high school. The next eldest daughter also was sent to study in the municipal capital. Ramoncito states that she frequently returns home on weekends, as did her sister. This daughter has been more persistent in her studies, avoided the temptation to marry, and has completed her first year of high school before reaching her 17th birthday. Ramoncito expects that she will graduate from high school this year and find a job in Santiago. Ramoncito's three youngest daughters are of elementary school age and continue to live in Las Flores and attend the local school.

But Ramoncito's attitude toward his boys is much different. Ramoncito keeps the boys close to home. All four male children continue to live in the family house in Las Flores. The oldest, a 22 year-old, completed his first year of high school by making the 2½ hour round-trip to the municipal capital to study in a Saturday program. The next

oldest, a 20-year-old, first enrolled in a business in high school courses in 2004, when high school became available locally through a video study program. The third loop, an 18-year-old, currently begins his second year of high school. He makes the 45% hour daily round trip from Los Pinos to attend a regional high school in the nearest town. The youngest son has just completed the 8th grade and is awaiting word as whether he has passed the National Exams to move on to high school. He has never left the community and, if he passes the exams, will probably enroll in the video studies program.

Ramirez says that he has to send his daughters out of the community to study. It is more difficult for women to travel daily than men: "you have to be careful with the girls, the boys can catch a ride with anyone." But clearly there is more to it than this. Their brothers could escort the girls to school, or they could simply have remained at home as many boys end up doing. After all, if the girls were more useful in the household their education would perhaps be delayed or denied and, similar to that of the men, in fact, Ramirez clearly emphasized that he needs his sons close to home:

I send [both] of my daughters out to study. With my sons I have plenty of things to send them out to study but I need them. For example, they study outside and do their work here. One of my sons just did his first year of high school at (a nearby town), he works with me in my land and comes home at 12:00 noon.

Urban Employment

Placing a conceptual emphasis on local push factors does not mean that young women are merely passive agents in the migration-system. Women are aware that there are labor opportunities available in the urban areas and they view migration not only as an opportunity for sexual mobility and entrepreneurship. In the words of a 25-year-old unmarried Los Pinos male expressing frustration at not being able to find a wife: "If one says to a woman: 'lets fall in love, we are going to Saragosa' they will go straight away

But if you ask a woman to come here, there is no way she will come. The women want to go to Santiago, they are all like that”

Females have work opportunities in the cities, however much they are, although the availability of labor opportunities in the urban areas for adult women does not explain the demand for women in the Cordillera. Rather, it is the combination of greater numbers of young females than young males in which the demand occurs. Besides the fact that companies attempt to recruit males to work on the family farms, younger females have advantages that make it easier for them to establish themselves in urban areas to study. For example, one of the primary advantages that younger females have over males is, in contrast to rural areas in which there is a reduced demand for female labor in the household, a greater demand exists for female labor than for male labor in urban households. Female make use of urban-based kinship networks to facilitate the migration of their children to study, but urban families often prove more willing to receive females who will be expected to help out with the domestic chores in the house. Furthermore, in the absence of kin, companies also attempt to recruit girls for their young daughters in distances with urban families. For example, some 63.8% of urban households have adopted children living in their, despite the fact that in the majority of cases the parents are alive (CEBIMAR 1991). It is a phenomenon that resembles the Haitian scenario; a recent study estimated that in the Dominican Republic there are over 40,000 child domestic workers, with a significant majority being females (Ray 2002).¹⁸

Although often the girls combine their studies with work, primarily as domestics, what is notable is that only in rare instances did informants mention sending their daughters to the city not merely in order to work to send back money to the family.¹⁹ For example, *Diario Expresión* reported that two of her four daughters migrated to

Santiago to work and study. Her oldest male child migrated, but in his case it was more *voluntario* (just to work). As one informant put it: "The girls, when it isn't learning to study or to work, but the majority do both things. The boys don't learn so much, the boys stay in the house."

Don Elmer was one of the *jijes* who decided to send both daughters to Santiago (primarily to work, "with the idea that they could better contribute to the household in that way, working and sending back some [savings]"). But he later understood that depending on daughters to work in and back support is temporary at best. For example, both of Don Elmer's daughters married in Santiago. Although one daughter, Yvonne continues to work in the city five times a week, they no longer need back much help. In the words of Elmer: "their responsibilities are more in their husbands."

Conclusion

Large-scale State policies have provoked changes in traditional peasant adaptive strategies and campesinos have responded through widespread migration out of the hinterlands of the Cordillera. For the families that remain, one of the primary expressions of the fact that they no longer perceive that life in the Cordillera provides a viable future is the great desire that they express to provide their children with the opportunity to receive an education. The fact that campesino parents, themselves with little formal education, express this desire indicates that they no longer perceive that their children will be able to make a living in the manner that they and their parents and grandparents have. Rather, the children must obtain the necessary skills in order to, in the words of the campesinos, *superarse*, *realizarse*, *realizarse*, to sell their labor and procure a decent job in the future.

But integration of children has favored females over males, as has become manifest in extremely skewed sex ratios in the Cordillera. I have argued that any explanation for the greater migration of women than men out of the highlands of the Cordillera has to look not only at the differential opportunities available to men and women outside of the region but also at gender-specific transformations occurring within the rural communities themselves. I have indicated that the decline of the household made a living producing, the increasing use over the past three decades of processed foods, and the availability of household labor saving devices such as piped water, gas stoves, and washing machines has meant that the work for girls and women is becoming less technical labor-intensive female/household-chore has declined precipitously. With the decline of reliance on the technical DHP, the volume of female tasks has also declined and the promise of 'contemporary' labor saving devices has meant tasks that thirty years ago took several women a full day to accomplish can often today be accomplished by a single woman in a matter of hours.

At the same time that the need for female labor in the household has declined, new opportunities outside of the household have opened up for women to become visibly integrated into significant income generating rural enterprises. Women, who have become a dominant liability for economically strapped rural families not being released at a young age from the household, either by allowing or encouraging young girls to marry at a young age or sending them out to live with relatives and study in the urban areas. Male labor, however, continues to be considered important for household subsistence and families are holding on to many of their male children. In the final chapter that follows, I summarize the conclusions of the study and discuss some of the implications of changing

pattern of husbandhood amongst the campesinos of the highlands for the future of the rural Dominican Republic as general.

Notes

¹ Girls take advantage of many different opportunities that are available to meet men from towns and cities, during their home celebrations. During trips to larger villages or towns or when visitors visit Las Puntas to visit relatives in the mountains. There is a story that runs along the western side of Las Puntas mountain high in the mountains as a hook, well known to men, that men are coming back in different ways along the river bottom popular are traditions for people from towns making they trips. In the words of an informant: "Maybe the girl doesn't buy from her town and she is in a hurry to get married. She doesn't go with a car, maybe she was from and she is not, she was not like you of her?" and she goes.

² When we marry, we are the one eventually younger. For example, my marriage suggests that there was enough age difference of 7 years between male and female amongst spouses. In some cases there are marrying women themselves are older but in other cases, they are bringing women as from other social areas.

³ The reason, however, that older men bringing or bringing from the outside does not indicate that the overall population is getting older is, for that, at the first place, the data is more general amongst male and females in the 10-20 age range. For example, in the Dominican sample the masculinity index for the population from 10-20 years of age is 140. The data between migrated population in the population older than 30, although the age increase is 12.7%. The females carry the same significant number of single males over the age of 30 living in the parental town (27%), something very rare for females (3%).

⁴ As has been described for other areas of the Caribbean (e.g., Morrison 1993), and Dominican marriage tends to be based on consensual unions and formal marriage. While in the past majority of unions were formal marriages as reported in a civil register, more than half in 1993, 58.4% of civil unions reported in the civil register, the mean age of 154 married individuals was 44.08 years as compared to 38.72 for individuals living in consensual unions (p < .001).

⁵ To clarify this is pointed out that, as a matter of policy, the Dominican Department of Education does not allow consensually or legally married women to attend school with high female students. Married individuals expected to attend in their homes during the day and the government also means that they will be a supporting influence on the single girls. If married girls or women have to continue their education they must attend night school.

⁶ Article 102 of Law No. 14087 provides that all individuals who contract a union under 18 years of age from their homes with the consent of their parents or guardians is legitimate union that parents must make less of 180 or 1800 pesos. This provision can be applied to adult males for engaging in sexual relationships with female minors.

⁷ The relation to the majority of men within a town, however, does not compromise. For example, during holidays in Las Puntas was engaged in relative consensual unions that for 18 year old was not sleeping with another woman as he has 70s. The father, embarrassed and outraged, expressed the confidence of one night marriage a double bed in a double bed. The man's relationship with changes against the elderly woman for sleeping, he was. At the end, however, he was convinced to go to prostitution. Instead, he was for and into the night to get his money from his elderly. Some men in regard the boy for sleeping with the and embarrassment to which he would be subject in the community.

⁸ Although polygamy is more common in the Central Caribbean region, it has rarely occurred in the past—something reported back in Las Puntas and San Juan—and was observed by the authors during 1993 research project along the Dominican-Rainforest border. Polygamy was not found in the study region (Murray et al. 1994).

Polgassy is commonly viewed as an indicator of female ignorance and therefore would be expected to be paid less than her male counterpart in wages. However, the story is not so simple. Women in the past were not actually being given greater demands. They are being offered to carry a great deal greater mental load than they are being given adequate physical education. Both of these aforementioned fall within the realm of what we have categorized previously as indirect jobs that the household. The growing recognition between "house value" and "gender independence" indicates that the recognition is made that the experience of females are comparable to the low mental "value" of women. In fact, women may be expected to carry more because they carry value, e.g. in areas where the production of children is expected to be a household necessity. (For example a recent article in the *Christian Science Monitor* (Clarke 2002) reported that in India there are more villages remaining largely unindustrialized due to the fact that the predominant characteristic has allowed for the selective retention of female laborers. As a result, in these villages women are very valuable but also very much protected. Therefore there is an incentive to support that despite the fact that women have lower value within the household or the rural environment most women are being more retained than in the past. Furthermore, there is evidence in the fact that polgassy appears to be related to lower the experience of women and more. One inequality of income among males and female women is generally making them stronger than the few males who have it to spend (Clarke 2002).

¹ The actual statistics are an average of 141 years of education for the primary male of the household (or 38.7) and an average of 128 years for the primary female of the household (or 30.5). In past months we used the household survey 49.0% of primary males and 44.7% of primary females have not completed more than 4 years of schooling. Our male and female sample represent the primary male of the household were estimated that had completed the household high school. Our female, a sub-sample, and our males, had completed the Certificate secondary degree.

² These statements are taken from a representative national survey that were carried out on a randomly selected sample of households in the metropolitan area of San Francisco and San Diego. The questions that reflect the response are: "For their future, do you think it would be better that your children remain in the community or go somewhere else?"

³ The use of the experience is also directly relating "with the class" as a metaphor for experience and thereby by the reference is an interesting reflection of the perspective of the city and its traditions. Vargas (1992, 2001) also used the use of the experience as a metaphor to show, among "we put them into the city" as a metaphor used by academics to refer to moving from the experience of the rural area, referred to as a recent (border), to the other "to the city, the place where changes are made."

⁴ This gender inequality is more pronounced in Dominican universities. In 2001, the only time that all students experience experience in the Dominican Republic was 70%. In other words, 30% of all university students were female and 45% male (CEPA, 2000). The percentage of female university students has increased in the past 20 years. For example, in 1982 females represented 28.5% of total university enrollment in the country (BACARDI, 1992).

⁵ The term *retrato* is used to describe children, generally female from poor areas, that have been forced away from parents to be raised by families in urban areas. The context is expected to provide economic light for the fact. Sandy Sandi-Rodriguez says that growing away from children is a somewhat self-proclaimed phenomenon with a possibility to obtain an education and have a place for economic control of independence in the urban. The practice has been widely criticized by human rights groups as highly exploitative of the children involved (McCabe and Archer 2002).

⁶ Hall (1995: 104-105) found that a sub-sample of her sample of women in the export-processing industry were uneducated and/or illiterate and/or illiterate and/or illiterate. Two-thirds of her sample had one or more children. He found that the women are largely young—most female of women under the age of 30 years. 78% are migrants from the rural areas, and 61% are from living in the city for 10 years or less. Espinoza (1995) reports results indicating that the women working in the non-traditional agricultural sector. These findings contrast markedly with the fact that women in other countries such as those in these urban single children young women professionals. In contrast, in the Dominican Republic the presence of urban female working in the city has been a relatively rare. The data is fully consistent with our observations of

regulatory institutions employed in the total score. Few single-item women are registering directly via the wage payment employment in the more institutional export sector. Rather, earnings opportunities based on reputation of the donor institutions are passed through which families have been more involved themselves in the effort.

CHAPTER 16 CONCLUSIONS

Summary: The State of Things

Conservation-oriented policies and other forms of state intervention in the Cordillera emerged and evolved in response to changing political and economic interests. An increasing attention was drawn to the value of the resources of the Cordillera—timber reserves, water required to feed lowland irrigated systems and hydroelectric dams, unique highland/biodiversity, and the natural value of scenic alpine forests—the state took measures to consider access to these resources and restrict present use of them. The cumulative effect of state intervention, if not explicitly and consciously intended, was revolutionary like that of a military coup in that it changed their access to the means of production and thereby drove the campesinos out of a peasant adaptation and out of the covered highlands.

During the 1930s, 40s and 50s state intervention included the breaking of the communal lands. "Land reform" programs forcibly settled peasants on fixed parcels of land while transferring land and timber rights of vast areas to more powerful stakeholders such as timber companies, cattle ranchers, *Trujillo* cronies, and government officials themselves. Land zoning procedures including the establishment of protected areas (forestry reserves and national parks) as well as agricultural zones, reflected both the hegemonic and anti-hegemonic uses of highland resources. Campesino production was purposefully reoriented toward taxable export crops such as coffee. To enforce the

remuneration of traditional peasant productive strategies, including, land policy and Forest guards were pointed throughout the area. Laws were enforced against the peasants while the wealthy, the well connected and the politicians themselves often did as they pleased.

During the 1960s, following the death of the dictator Rafael Trujillo, the direction of Dominican political and economic development came under control of the US government. The principal objective of US policy in the Dominican Republic was the development of an industrial sector. The intent getting people concentrated in areas where they could be put to work—that is, urbanization—and it meant mechanizing, wages low. Under the tutelage and assistance of US advisors, the Dominican government accomplished this through control of the prices for basic staples. Market prices for traditional peasant crops were driven down through the import of foodstuffs, which frequently took the form of US "food aid" provided in the form of donations or subsidized loans. Imports not only drove down market prices, making it harder to feed urban populations, but peasants became less important as suppliers of food to urban populations. This promoted further marginalization, and encouraged an intensification of the urbanization process. At the same time, the peasantry was simply left out of national development planning schemes. Loans and assistance were provided to finance the emergence of agro-industries dedicated to the production of new traditional export crops, while the state failed to provide assistance or compensation to enable the desired transition from traditional peasant productive strategies to more intensive forms of farming. Agricultural reform, credit programs, extension services, and programs to guarantee more stable and profitable market prices for campesino products were either sporadic or non-

content. The majority of remote rural areas were left without decent roads, schools, or electricity.

Development projects, largely funded by the US government, were devised supposedly to countermand the destructive social and environmental forces that had been unleashed in the Cordillera. Many NGOs set in harmony with donor objectives that reinforce conservation activities that undermine peasant subsistence strategies. Other NGOs with dreams of small-scale rural development and community-based conservation, as rural farmers acted, and continued to act, in direct contradiction to environmental and demographic trends. If the idea is to somehow sustain the peasantry, development agencies and NGOs promoting rural "sustainable development" interventions in the Cordillera are wasting money on a hopeless cause. Even if the projects were appropriately designed and substantial enough to have an impact, they would be based on unrealistic notions of a peasantry that no longer exists. The best projects prove unfeasible in some way (installing solar panels at low cost or rural electrification), but even the former projects undermined the very real reality of many if not most so-called rural sustainable development efforts. Projects have often been subverted through neglect and lack of interest.

Dying Way of Life

Subsistence Strategies

Compeases often attempted to challenge the constraints imposed by state intervention through what can be described as resistance tactics. These involved shuffling, circumventing or deftly breaking laws and taking advantage of periods of weakness in state control to occupy new lands or use restricted resources. Ultimately, however, only revised and sporadic manifestations of the traditional peasant system continue to exist.

The household economy around which the agro-pastoral complex was organized has been drastically reduced. In their form of household, campesinos have lost a form of storage that could be liquidated to survive hard times. Similarly, occasionally a campesino will still risk making a small fortune on a plot of forested land. However, the primary remnants of past peasant agricultural practices are the clearing of woods and overgrowth on over-fenced lands and the leasing of the resulting lands to farmers. These farmers continue to organize regional labor parties through local farmer associations. In general, however, integration and the rationalization of agricultural production have minimized the use of prime and surplus as a means of maintaining labor. Many small campesinos continue to rely primarily on household labor for farm tasks, but the use of household labor is rapidly being replaced by wage labor and especially by Mexican migrant workers who in recent years have largely supplanted Dominican workers in the rural labor force.

Changes in the Cordillera have led to the increasing dependence of campesinos on a cash based economy. The concentration of land resulting from past land redistributions and the formation of parks and forestry have driven many campesinos into marginal lands and created shortages in productive farmland. Intensive production on these plots resulted in soil degradation and reduced yields. With the consequent need to make cash investments in fertilizers and pesticides, the campesinos increasingly turned to monocropping strategies. Planting for subsistence has not been entirely abandoned, but the fewer campesinos practice the traditional, diversified cropping strategies that allowed them to weather natural and economic crises and fluctuations in world market prices for products.¹⁷ Instead, contemporary campesinos mitigate risk through increasing reliance on non-farming strategies such as wage work.¹⁸ And they also leave

Migration: Generational and Gender Differences at the Household Level

The primary adaptive response to land scarcity and the criminalization of peasant farming strategies has been *migration*. In past generations, the parents of the highlands of the Cordillera wanted their children would become farmers. Today many adult campesinos express the desire to remain in the rural areas themselves, but the majority no longer view farming as a viable option for their children. Instead, they want them to continue their education in towns and cities. They are obtaining skills to find decent employment in the urban labor market tomorrow. This emphasis on the education and migration of their children signifies no real re-exposition for intergenerational transmission of their rural lifeways, a clear expression of a dying subculture.

Campesinos' preoccupation with their children's urban based futures has articulated wider reconstruction of traditional gender roles to shape gender and age specific migratory patterns. Children are frequently leaving the family home at young ages and females have been migrating out of the Cordillera at faster rates than males. The differential patterns of migration between males and females reflect changing norms regarding gender roles. The demand for female labor within the household has decreased and daughters have begun to represent surplus labor. Fathers clearly express the desire to retain some of their sons within the household to help out on the farm, while young women are being provided increased independence and are sometimes even allowed to marry and leave the home as young as twelve and thirteen years of age. With the declining importance of female labor within the household, a new role has been defined for them, that of students. Parents take migrants send their daughters to urban areas to study, often taking advantage of the fact that there is a demand for female

domestic labor in urban households. This has been another factor that has facilitated female integration and generated shared sex roles.

Finally, the findings presented in this study regarding the integration of young females differ somewhat from the findings of previous studies carried out in the Caribbean in the past.¹ Pessar and Grossnick (1981) was a household approach to explain integration but focused on men and women and failed to even mention the integration of daughters. Georges (1999), in a much more detailed study, did observe the pattern of internal migration that differentially favored females over males. She also noted that females in Les Petites lost young girls to the cities to study, to work as domestics, or simply to find a good spouse. Nevertheless, her study found that the majority of women internal migrants (60-71%) fell within the 20-39-year age range. In contrast, the data collected in this study suggests that the average ages of female migrants tend to be consistently younger than those found by Georges.

In summary, state intervention in the households of the Caribbeans has indirectly facilitated the adaptation of women, altered social institutions and led to a dying way of life that has been experienced as massive out-migration, especially of young people.

Future Trends

Female Reintegration of the Dominican Republic

In many ways, this study of the dying adaptation of the peasantry of the Caribbeans serves as a regional case study of a process that is occurring throughout the rural Dominican Republic. The specific configuration of forces that contribute to the decline of rural economies may vary somewhat on a regional level, but the overall consequences have been the same, with the most salient consequence being large-scale out-migration from rural areas into the cities.

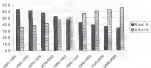


Figure 14.1 Rural/Urban distribution of Dominican population from 1940-2005 based on CEPAL 2000 estimates

Significant rural-to-urban migration is not a new process in the Dominican

Republic. It began in later years of the Trujillo era and accelerated greatly in the post-Trujillo period. In 1933, 33% of the Dominican population was urban. In 1960, 34% was urban. Beginning in the early 1980s, the majority of the population (53%) lived in urban areas. Estimates suggest that by 2005 over 67% of the Dominican population will be living in urban areas (CEPAL 2000, Figure 14.1).⁴ This process has led scholars and journalists to begin comparing the Dominican Republic to Puerto Rico and to declare the country as "completely urban" (Miguel 2002, see Miguel 1999).

Indeed, there are many historical similarities between processes that occurred in Puerto Rico beginning in the 1940s and recent developments in the Dominican Republic.⁵

In the words of Peter San Miguel (1999: 42, *italics mine*):

[Puerto Rico] today has an economic structure that is highly dependent, founded on industry and services, [the Dominican Republic] is abandoning its traditional rural economy at an accelerated pace. In other words, Puerto Rico is a kind of premonition of one of the possible futures of the Dominican Republic. On the other hand, for the student of Puerto Rican history, the Dominican Republic can present him to observe the "archaology" of what was, up until recently, its rural identity.

The fact that scholars are comparing the Dominican Republic to Puerto Rico is a particularly dramatic development taking into account the fact a mere 40 years ago over 60% of the Dominican population was rural. The rapid urbanization of the Dominican Republic is, in part, a legacy of the structural adjustment embedded during the Trujillo period which agrarian reform failed to address. But more importantly the truly massive transfer of rural Dominicans into the urban milieu is the extremely unequal pattern of regional development that have characterized the Dominican economy in the post-Trujillo era. This process has shaped state policies and generated forces that make life increasingly unattractive in rural areas in the country in general. If not seriously so, very or otherwise options, at least migration to urban areas offers the possibility of pursuing and education, a chance for social mobility and possibly a chance for a better life.

The Cordillera: Implications for the Future

Large scale state policies have undermined the prospects for proved successful in securing the forest resources of the Cordillera. The watersheds of the country's primary rivers are being protected for future generations of Dominicans when forests. One can envision that in a relatively short period of time the temperate resources in the Cordillera will have been replaced by "secondary" and the humble campesino/peasant replaced by wealthy vacation homes for foreigners or future U.S. migrants. With a radical change in traditional governmental structures, perhaps alternative landowners will plant tea bushes in a reforestation fund using Haitian labor to plant and manage the plantations.

But many of the costs of emigration from the Cordillera and other areas of the country will have to be reckoned in the urban arena. In the same way that social issues are being transferred from the rural areas to the cities in the form of crime and drug problems,

the primary environmental issues of the Report on the DR will not be rural but urban-based environmental issues. In the future, one can anticipate that the primary threat to the urban water supply will no longer be the deterioration of the highlands of the Cordillera but chemical pesticides and untreated wastewater from the urban areas themselves.

Notes

¹ The statement in the paragraph below Rio Mont's (1995:112) 207-8) demonstrates that subsistence and market production were not mutually opposed:

It would seem advisable to favour of raising production for subsistence and production for the market across progressive stages of development. Rather, one must strive for the cyclical alternance of the two kinds of production without the same systematic inclination that, from the point of view of the economy, both kinds may be alternative responses to changes in conditions of the outside world.

² As previously noted, one of the central functions of rural development programmes designed to improve the nutritional standards of the peasant has been the fact that they have sought to establish subsistence production strategies through increased intercropping and/or coffee agroforestry systems, thereby providing an alternative to the export of their food crops.

³ It should be pointed out that both the Pizarro and Gersmehl 1981 study and the Gervais 1990 study focused primarily on subsistence agriculture and both studies were based on larger villages in the Cordillera. Based on very recent household-level data Pizarro and La Pape conclude the household composition of these larger areas. One that means, it is reasonable to assume that agriculture produces very different economic benefits from larger villages that have more diverse and dynamic economic and that serve as the marketing centers for the household level. Chapter 4 also makes notes that there appears to be a negative relationship between population density and observed per capita farming output (i.e. area of lower population density display higher output than lower density).

⁴ Unfortunately, in the case of noting the original results of the 1982 census had not been released, but good evidence that there is decline in population density and income, suggests that the years of influence could actually be even longer than has suggested by CEPAL estimates.

⁵ According to Robinson (1987), for example, in 1948 Puerto Rico suffered from extreme inequalities in land distribution. Furthermore, the US rapidly eliminated the importation of foodstuffs from the US itself because it was unable to compete with US exports. Operation Bootstrap, launched in 1947 provided the technology, incentives through investment, organized local agriculture as well as increased support in manufacturing and by the 1970s the country was almost completely dependent on food imports from the US mainland.

APPENDIX A BRIEF HISTORY OF LUMBER EXPLOITATION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC UP TO THE TRAVELER PERIOD

Early Lumber Exploitation

The exploitation of the hardwood forests of Santo Domingo extends back to colonial times. The export of precious woods such as mahogany, cedar, ebony, and guayacan, *campesita*, *aguiña*, *cega*, *more*, while in European markets began in the 16th century, but early years of Spanish colonization of the island. However, lumber took on particular economic importance in the years in the turbulent years following the Haitian revolution with the decline of the coffee economy and the emergence of peasant groups throughout the Dominican countryside. This especially occurred in the Dominican deep south, where the traumatic events of the nineteenth century reduced the emergence of a smallholding peasantry in areas formerly dominated by the hater. With the devastation of the southern lands and the total decline in the demand for the export of skins and more, these smallholders turned alternatively to lumber in order to meet their need for cash to pay for imported products (Liskows 1993).

During the early part of the 19th century, therefore, the lumber industry, and particularly the trade in mahogany, replaced coffee as the most important economic activity of the colony of Santo Domingo (Claus 1878, Maya Pera 1995). The early lumbering activities were carried out primarily at a household scale by the composition of the *caña* and *caña*. Rather as land, the campesinos used the trade in mahogany and other tropical hardwoods in return for money to trade for imported and locally produced

growth to supplement what was an otherwise humble and largely subsistence-level subsistence. The smallholding competitors primarily harvested and sold small quantities of wood directly to local intermediaries or worked as temporary wage labourers for larger producers. European commercial trade houses were established on the coast of Santa Domingo to purchase and export the lumber across the Atlantic (Casal 1992: 14).

During the period of Dominican history known as the "Epistola Rebel" (1809–1822), a period in which the colony found itself in complete economic decay and virtually abandoned by the Spanish colonial government, lumber exports to the colony reached approximately 5 million cubic feet a year (Molina 1999: 32). Lumber exports continued to increase after the Haitian occupation of Santa Domingo (1822–1844) despite repeated efforts by the Haitian government, led by Charles Fourier, to restrict and control the cutting and export of mahogany in Santa Domingo as an attempt to direct competitive production to French-held and export ports (Moya-Perez 1994). Between 1822 and 1844, the export of lumber exports from Hispaniola averaged over 4,000,000 cubic feet a year with the vast majority of coming from the Santa Domingo side of the island. The exports were limited during the last years of the Haitian occupation (1838–1842) averaging approximately 4,270,000 feet a year (Casal 1992: 34; Moya-Perez 1994).

Lumbering continued to play an important economic role in the new Republic after the independence from Spain. During this period, as the mahogany forests were depleted along the coast and along the banks of the rivers, cutting began to expand into the north and western areas of the country. The primary political figures of the period, including the two dominant coalitions of the First Republic, *Partido Sembrador* and *Reformadores Libres*, both based their wealth largely on the export of precious woods.¹ These coalitions used their political clout to obtain access to the best stands of wood on

State lands, as well as to establish sugarcane labor camps to exploit these areas (Clark 1992, Mariani 1990: 99).

The forests of the southern coastal area were further decimated at the end of the nineteenth century, with the opening of the first modern sugar plantations and mills on the Dominican Republic. The expansion of the sugar industry during late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries resulted in the complete deforestation of the largest coastal plains of the south and southwest of the country (Moya Pons 1994).¹ The sugar companies cleared significant areas of forest to plant sugarcane. The mills also required firewood to fuel the boilers and the steam engines of the trains that were used to transport the cane.

Emergence of the Lumber Industry in the Cordillera Central

Despite the extensive degradation of forest resources on the coast, at the end of the nineteenth century the exploitation of the vast pine forests of the interior of the country for commercial purposes was just beginning. Moya Pons points out, at the turn of the century these forests had "scarcely been exploited by the artisans of the Cibao who required pine to fabricate furniture and arched houses" (1994:8). Georges (1993) reports that the first steam-driven lumber mill in the northern-Cibao was established at Santiago de las Caballeros in 1871, although other reports suggest that mills may have established a few years earlier than the date reported by Georges (Mariano 1990:18, San Miguel 1997).

The extent of forest cover in the country at the turn of the century is described in a report issued in 1909 by a Forest Engineer from the United States named Earl Woodworth. In this report, Woodworth estimated that 33% of the country remained under "some degree" of forest cover, and 50% of the country (approximately 8.5 million acres)

preserved under extensive forest cover. Although Woodward provided no estimation of the total tree cover in the Cordillera Central, and observed of the mountain pine forests that

some writing has been done in the pine region, but the distance from the coast has impeded an extensive exploitation. All of the cut pine has been used in local consumption. The small mills that are being used are insufficient for the more lucrative processing of the larger trees. (Molina 1990 64-65, *emphasis added*)

Woodward attributed the low intensity of pine forest exploitation in the mountains almost primarily to the lack of adequate transportation routes.

Although Woodward downplayed the exploitation of the pine forests of the mountains almost to relatively insignificant, he did note the presence of small mills in the region. Recent historical accounts confirm this account of the presence of a small scale yet growing lumber industry in the pine forests of the Sierra by the early part of the 20th century. The primary transportation routes used by the lumber traders were the railroad tracks stretching from San Juan de los Rios and Barranca de Santiago de los Caballeros (San Miguel 1987). Most commonly, the logs were floated down the Yaque del Norte River and received by small milling operations that had been established along its banks in Sierra lands close to the city of Santiago.

Consumers of the timber took advantage of the relatively free access to forest resources on communal and State lands to become involved in the lumber trade. Early in the century, Santiago-based intermediaries began establishing operations in the Sierra and financing locals for the harvest and purchase of lumber, and local intermediaries emerged that employed wage labor to harvest pines and lead the mule trains used to transport the wood. Nevertheless, during this period the majority of commerce involved in the lumber trade was, according to George (1990 111), "engaged in outright commodity production

This production relied entirely upon the unpaid labor of household members and others to produce for a common subsistence fund rather than to make profits for investment to generate additional profits.⁵ As it had in the 19th century among the campesinos of the north, lumbering activities played a supplementary role within the survival strategies of the majority of the campesinos of the Cordillera Central during this period.

The increase in value of lumber as a commodity on the consumer levels contributed the basis for conflict to emerge amongst shareholders. Due to the lack of clear property limits, shareholders were often unable to distinguish amongst themselves the corresponding rights to forested areas on the properties (San Miguel 1997:202). To avoid conflict, the shareholders often sold the exploitation rights to the lumber to their lands in Santiago-based lumber merchants and divided the profits. Early on, the most active source of the companies involved in the purchase of these rights was the Asociacion La Fu, of Esquipulas Sacacaca, one of the largest lumber mills located along the banks of the Yagup del Nieta River. As early as 1902, Esquipulas y Sacacaca is reported to have purchased the rights to exploitation of forested areas on communal lands in communities in the proximity of San Juan de las Matas. During this period, an employee of Esquipulas Sacacaca named Ferron is reported as having purchased the rights to exploit common forest areas extending from Jambacao in the east to Moscoala in the west of the Cordillera Central (San Miguel 1997:202). The Santiago-based Esquipulas Company remained an important power in the lumber business on the Cordillera well into the 1930s. By 1904, Esquipulas Sacacaca had purchased the lumbering rights to thousands of hectares of forest within 23 haciendas in the municipalities of San Juan de las Matas, Nizaca and Irua. Among the haciendas in which Esquipulas secured the rights to exploitation of resources was Los Pinos (San Miguel 1997:206).⁶

In 1912 the Dominican government initiated construction of a rudimentary highway extending from San Juan de los Rios to Santiago. The first vehicle from Santiago arrived in the village in March 1916 to great fanfare, and the road was officially inaugurated in April of 1916. The US-Occupation government (1916-1924) made important improvements to the road, bringing in heavy equipment to expand the road and by constructing tree bridges (Gaiter 2001). The improved infrastructure provided further access to the great forests of the region. The occupation government also brought in specialists to evaluate the potential for exploitation of the forests of the Cordillera. W. W. Durland, a Forestry Professor from Yale University, returned after having toured the country in 1921 that 75% of the Dominican Republic remained covered with forest in different stages of succession. Durland (who Woodmont 12 years before, continued to emphasize the fact that the potential for the exploitation of the great forests of the Cordillera remained) concluded despite the nascent lumber industry that was emerging in the region. According to Durland

In previous years, some efforts were made to exploit these forests, but the operations were done at a small scale and in a provisional way. One is the [system] of property rights and the instability of previous periods of government, the exploitation of the forest as a profitable enterprise has been almost impossible. As a result, these forests have remained in an unharmed state, as an abundant source of wood for construction. (Martinez 1999: 73)

As the lumber industry grew in the Sierra, the economies of the peripheral villages of the region began to diversify and, accompanied with population growth, this likely provided an early impetus for the movement of Serono farmers into the more rural interior hinterlands. The hinterland populations provided livestock, cattle and other resources both for local consumption as well as for sale to intermediaries who transported the products to markets in larger urban centers. The roads completed during US

Occupation provided the infrastructure needed to interact with the urban centers, in particular through the Cabañas, marketing more settled agricultural patterns and a further intensification of the exploitation of the poor forests of the Cordillera. The real massive-exploitation of the poor forests of the interior of the Cordillera began, however, during the period of the Tropical-plantation as described in chapter 4.

Notes

¹ There were more than six thousand slaves present during 11 distinct periods: 1899-1911, 1924-1938, 1943-1954, 1968-1974, 1979-1979.

² This includes the areas surrounding San Pedro de Macoris, La Romana, El Valle, Montaña, Azua and Puerto Plata.

³ Although San Miguel (1997) provides the figure, I do not report the exact number of slaves as reported by Escobar at Las Puntas in order to present the complexity of the relationship.

APPENDIX B MODERN DOMINICAN FORESTRY LAWS

Table B.1. Dominican forestry laws since the year 1980

Year	Number	Type	Title
Early Legislation (1968-1975)			
1967	474	Law	Creates and organizes the Forests/Conservation service
US-Spanish (1968-1984)			
1968	163	Executive Order	Regarding the forestry service
1970	107	Executive Order	Regarding the Forest Guard (Spanish suspended) service. Substituted Law 176-67
1970	106	Executive Order	Reorganizes Law 9, which then Conflicto General, the Constitution (Organizational the Forests de Recursos y los Related forestry services within the context of the Dominican state)
1971	674	Executive Order	Regarding the Forest Guard (Spanish suspended) service. (Modified Law 177-68)
Pre-Trujillo (1934-1937)			
1937	946	Law	Regarding the reconstruction of woodlands (forest) and mines. Declares all forest lands to be forestry reserves
1938	1054	Law	(Created by) the Trujillo 66 (Forest Voluntary (national law))
Trujillo Period (1930-1962)			
1938	1044	Regulations	Organizes the forestry guard corps and establishes the forestry service
1938	601	Law	Substitutes Law 194-28 regarding reconstruction of woodlands and mines
1938	106	Law	Modifies paragraph 10 of law 194-28
1937	1003	Law	Modifies article 5 of law 184-34. Prohibits the cutting of trees without the basic authorization of a 20 x 100m
1937	978	Regulations	Establishes a 1 year but no more than 2 years after the start of wood produced by the forestry sector.
1933	1987	Law	Modifies article 10 of Law 184-34. The lifting of article 10 and reinsertion organizational status authorized by the law of Agriculture
1932	100	Regulations	Regulates the cutting of trees and creation of reserves in 20 x 1
1930	20	Law	Regarding the extraction of products derived from forest forests
1930	107	Law	Prohibits the extraction without permission of rubber, plants, minerals, trees, rattan and any subproduct of the forest without obtaining prior to design the list of trees
1930	104	Regulations	Regarding the extraction of resources from forest areas
1931	618	Resolutions	Congressional Resolutions Approving the Constitution for the Resources of Water, Forest, and the Natural Beauty of America
1931	1036	Regulations	Regarding the extraction of resources by people
1931	104	Law	Obliges people who clear lands to reforest them and pay them as conditions for reforestation
1931	606	Law	Modifies art. 10 of law 184-34
1934	1078	Law	Regarding the development and organizing of water resources (Conservation)
1937	627	Decree	Prohibits the exportation of wood and/or wood products

Table B-1. Continued

Year	Number	Type	Title
1946	158	Law	Supporting the establishment of forest and fisheries. (Overgrown forest area) (No. 164 (2) 1646-16 162-63 1754-66, 208-12)
1946	156	Law	Addendum No. 1 to Law 1685-45
1946	155	Law	Modified article No. 1 of Law 1685-45
1946	150	Law	Addendum number 1 Law 1685-45
1949	584	Decree	The Secretariat of Agriculture is authorized study the plans that are to subject for the construction of such and such
1949	575	Decree	Declares the celebration of rural exhibitions is competition between students and teachers of rural studies of the public schools
1950	643	Decree	The Secretariat of Agriculture assumes the planning of 16 national fairs in the Eastern National and 10 municipal fairs
1950	14 35	Law	Prohibit cutting within the "El Puerto" National Park in Honduras
1950	1444	Law	Prohibit providing permission for the cutting of trees in lands in which the forestry personnel has not been paid
1951	1005	Law	Sanctions were on the production and export of wood
1951	1046	Law	Introduces some modifications to some articles of Law 1685-51
1951	1037	Law	Creates a newly named Puerto Nacional "Narciso Hernandez"
1951	1014	Law	Adds paragraph to Art. 1 of Law No. 1685-51
1951	953	Regulation	Regulation implementing regulation 105-51 1951. Plans the Secretariat of Agriculture in charge of the cutting of forest
1954	1644	Law	Modified Art. 2 of Law No. 1685-51
1954	1641	Law	Establishes measures to protect the watershed of the Eastern and its affluents
1955	4033	Law	Modified Law No. 1685-51
1956	4055	Law	Two paragraphs are added to article No. 8 of Law 1685-45
1956	4144	Law	Changes are added to paragraph themselves in agricultural fields, pasture, wood deposits among others
1956	4071	Law	Declares to be of National Interest the celebration of all of (Guatemala) autonomy and prohibits planning for autonomous
1957	4564	Decree	Declares the River of the category two is to be the "National River"
1957	4785	Law	Modified article 12 of Law 1685-45
1959	4854	Law	Modified articles 1 1/2 and 4 of Law 1751-45 and expands the role of the Secretariat of Agriculture in administration
1959	4919	Law	Modified art. 4 of Law No. 1685-51
1964	6136	Law	Imposes a tax of 1% on the profits of timber exploitation enterprises
1965	7387	Regulation	Regulation No. 7387 regarding the construction of projects for the exploitation of the forests in the forest reserves of the Puerto "Narciso Hernandez"
1966	7466	Law	Reforms paragraph 1 of Art. 1 of Law No. 1685-51
1966	7623	Law	Modified Art. 1 of Law No. 1685-51
1966	7741	Law	Modified Law No. 1685-51 regarding taxes on production and export of wood
1966	7742	Law	Modified Law No. 1685-51 regarding taxes on production and export of wood
Post-Drifts Period (1962 present)			
1961	4586	Regulation	Regulation No. 4587 regarding the structure of the bank of the company
1964	479	Law	Prohibits the cutting of trees on the boundaries of rivers
1964	692	Regulation	Conforms Sanitation system from "Punta La Amortiguadora"

Table B.1. Continued

Year	Number	Type	Title
1947	129	Regulation	Declares fishing allowed in the 3 harbor basins
1947	104	Resolution	Congressional resolution that declares the information campaign in favor of high national interest
1948	1284	Regulation	Modifies Art. 1 of Decree No. 734-46
1948	1571	Regulation	Plan of the three years plan for the next year livestock established in Decree No. 1526-47 for submission to state being removed
1949	3674	Law	Revises the Governmental Governmental Financial and Security Securities for Food Resources
1951	2149	Regulation	Creates a commission in charge of studying the problems that consequences result in the Government involvement
1951	1968	Regulation	Declares the Day of harvest of each year as "Harvest/Factory Day"
1954	4612	Regulation	Modifies the study article of Decree No. 1396-70
1977	650	Law	Prohibits the raising of trout and salmon in the freshwater of the river and streams that have low expenditure
1977	120	Law	Modifies Article 2 of law 1514-61
1979	1738	Regulation	Requires the Government of Portugal to produce efforts with the Soc. of Agricultural Association where national development projects in Community and Agriculture don't affect the direct interests of the river
1980	1992	Regulation	Recommends the commission created in Decree 1594-72 to study the consequences of the government
1980	362	Law	Designates Law 73 of 1943, because in the country the stream are polluted
1980	408	Law	Regarding the Financing and Funding Activities for Agricultural Production
1982	1408	Regulation	Creates a Commission to of studying and setting final recommendations to solve the problems related to pollution in the fishing/river in Atlantic province
1982	119	Regulation	Regulation for the application of Law 409 of 1963 on agricultural
1982	430	Regulation	Regulation 430 for the application/Law No. 409 of 1963, regarding the incentives and financing of the Production of Agriculture
1983	111	Law	Prohibits the application of quantities in rivers of trout
1983	682	Regulation	Creates a commission in charge of the education and protection of agriculture of people registered in the program of the country
1983	163	Regulation	Declares 1983 to be "Year of National Rejuvenation"
1985	139	Law	Approves the National Forest Rejuvenation
1985	184	Law	Requires that the State of road areas should be construction of low bridges
1985	1649	Regulation	Modifies Art. 1 of Decree No. 411-83
1986	214	Resolution	Congressional Resolution approving the National Forestry Living Relationship Office
1987	144	Law	Established the obligatory forest service
1987	271	Regulation	Requires the information of the waterbirds
1991	442	Regulation	Designates new members of the National National Forestry Commission
1991	134	Regulation	Creates the National Plan "Quinquaginta Verde"
2000	4	Regulation	Designates a Commission in charge of elaborating the Regulation for the Forest Forestry Law

APPENDIX C
HISTORICAL EXCHANGE RATES PERCH TO USD

Table C-1. Exchange rates of percha to USD since 1966

Year	1966=100	Percha
1966	1.00	1.00
1967	1.00	1.00
1968	1.00	1.00
1969	1.00	1.12
1970	1.00	1.15
1971	1.00	1.16
1972	1.00	1.12
1973	1.00	1.13
1974	1.00	1.14
1975	1.00	1.08
1976	1.00	1.20
1977	1.00	1.23
1978	1.00	1.23
1979	1.00	1.22
1980	1.00	1.26
1981	1.00	1.26
1982	1.00	1.44
1983	1.25	1.40
1984	1.31	2.40
1985	1.78	3.12
1986	2.42	2.91
1987	2.48	2.84
1988	5.78	4.15
1989	4.70	4.99
1990	4.79	11.13
1991	12.42	10.89
1992	13.66	10.79
1993	12.28	12.68
1994	12.42	13.02
1995	12.47	13.40
1996	12.48	13.76
1997	14.41	14.27
1998	14.75	15.37
1999	15.83	14.65
2000	16.15	14.42
2001	16.44	14.79
2002	17.74	14.42

Source: Adapted from Banco Central data cited in Contreras (2002)

APPENDIX D
SELECTED DATA ON FIRE, MIGRATION AND SEX RATIO

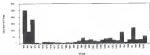


Figure D-1 Forest fires, years 1965 to 2000 according to the Statistics Department of the Secretaría de Estado de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, C.R.

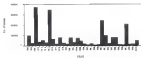


Figure D-2 Number of cases affected by sexually by forest fires, years 1965 to 2000 according to the Statistics Department of the Secretaría de Estado de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, C.R.

Table D-6. Migration destinations of children in the western Caribbean (c.1970)

Destination	% males	% females	% total
U.S.A. (a)	5.0	7.4	6.1
International ^b			
Europe	41.0	31.1	36.0
Latin America	8.4	4.7	5.6
Secondary urban areas	21.1	38.0	29.2
Other rural	12.3	19.2	15.6
Urbanization in			
Caribbean			
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

^a Only two informants had had migrated out of the country did not migrate to the U.S. but rather to Venezuela.

Source: Barcelona Survey 1999

Table D-7. Historical sex ratios in the Caribbean

Country	Century (year)					
	1881	1911	1931	1951	1964	1982
Bahamas	90%	90%		87.7	91.7	91.3
Newborn						
Belize	90%	128.4	100.0	91.4	87.4	84.4
Children						
Trinidad and Tobago	90%	115.9	108.0	94.4	94.3	92.3
Total						
Antigua	73.8	76.3	125.3	48.0 ^c	78.3	74.7
Barbados	90%	29.9	62.5	42.0	76.4	70.3
Grenada	90%	87.8	64.7 ^c	70.8 ^c	79.3	71.4
Guatemala	78.4	75.3	121	48.8	55.3	48.0
Jamaica	81.3	74.2	75.6	68.8	82.7 ^c	77.4
Montserrat	64.4	18.3	31.0 ^c	18.0	44.3	39.3
St. Kitts	90%	47.3	42.4	38.8	73.2	71.0
New						
St. Lucia	90%	44.7 ^c	73.2	71.9 ^c	78.8	80.8
St. Vincent	90%	74.9 ^c	68.3	43.1	80.3	87.1

Note: The majority of ratios are for Males aged 20-49/Females aged 15-44 in 1982

a. For the age group 15-45 females, 25-50 males

b. For the age group 15-45, both sexes

c. For the age group 15-45, both sexes

d. For the year 1940

Source: Modified from Minns (1976:1-2)

Table 12-1. Populations and percentages of communities in shoring parks

Range	1940-1950	1950-1960	1960-1970
Cozumel			
Las Pajas (1)	111	111	111.0
Las Pajas (2)	244	144	144.7
San Juan (1)	44	45	111.7
San Juan (2)	73	45	178.0
Barrachén			
Huatal (1)	80	80	124.7
Huatal (2)	128	118	111.3
Huatal (3)	171	124	157.6
Huatal (4)	114	74	157.6
Huatal (5)	84	87	111.3
Huatal (6)	45	34	158.6
Huatal (7)	174	85	188.3
Huatal (8)	52	1	1288.8
Huatal (9)	88	37	114.3
Huatal (10)	118	88	158.4
Huatal (11)	156	87	144.8
Huatal (12)	34	38	188.4
Huatal (13)	99	85	111.3
Huatal (14)	34	38	158.4
Huatal (15)	143	114	171.3
Huatal (16)	88	118	111.8
Huatal (17)	118	118	111.3
Huatal (18)	118	118	111.3
Huatal (19)	42	38	144.8
Huatal (20)	112	118	111.7
Huatal (21)	95	88	144.8
Huatal (22)	144	155	111.3
Huatal (23)	71	84	111.8
Huatal (24)	144	188	111.4
Huatal (25)	114	184	111.3
Huatal (26)	118	154	154.3
Huatal (27)	47	37	174.8
Huatal (28)	88	46	171.4
Huatal (29)	55	31	288.6
Huatal (30)	95	38	181.1
Huatal (31)	45	45	111.8
Huatal (32)	188	47	144.3
Huatal (33)	94	31	181.9
Huatal (34)	45	45	181.1
Huatal (35)	74	44	171.3
Huatal (36)	188	77	144.4
Huatal (37)	45	34	188.6
Total	4174	3443	177.1

Source: 1950 Dominican Historical Census

Table 2.4. Band and catch in the Cardenas hermitages

	Zone	General Population			Sex ratio
		Males	Females	Total	
Bancón (data obtained from community census)	Las Pozas (7)	48	55	103	2.12
	Las Pozas (8)	29	19	48	2.52
	Las Pozas (2)	34	34	68	1.00
	South Hermitage (1)	45	48	93	1.12
	East Hermitage (3)	57	22	79	1.61
	East Hermitage (2)	10	18	28	2.80
	East Hermitage (3)	78	73	151	1.06
	East Hermitage (4)	47	28	75	1.69
	South Hermitage (5)	44	40	84	1.10
	Total	488	371	859	1.31

	Zone	General Population			Sex ratio
		Males	Females	Total	
Armando Hermitages (data obtained from sample of community)	Hermitage 1	128	95	223	1.42
	Hermitage 2	154	102	256	1.71
	Hermitage 3	148	118	266	1.85
	Hermitage 4	182	85	267	1.89
	Las Pozas	129	101	230	1.64
	Hermitage 5	194	108	302	1.78
	Hermitage 6	156	114	270	1.72
	Total	911	733	1644	1.24
All Communities		1380	1031	2411	1.32

Source: Ecuador and Hermitages surveys, 1988 and 2000

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